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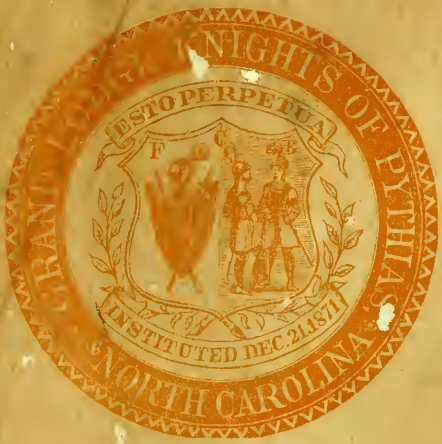

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Twenty-Seventh
Annual Convention.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,
Goldsboro, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF THE

Grand Domain of North Carolina,

HELD AT

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PYTHIAN PERIOD XXXIV.

NASH BROTHERS,
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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

OF THE

GRAND DOMAIN OF NORTH CAROLINA.

CASTLE HALL, RATHBONE LODGE, NO. 37,
CHARLOTTE, N. C., JUNE 15, 1897.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was called to order by Grand Chancellor Washington Catlett at 8 o'clock P. M.

The roll of officers and committees being called the following were found to be present:

W. S. COOK..... Supreme Representative.
C. E. HOLTON..... Supreme Representative.
CHARLES A. WEBB..... Past Grand Chancellor.
WASHINGTON CATLETT..... Grand Chancellor.
P. R. LAW..... Grand Prelate.
JOHN WARD..... Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. T. HOLLOWELL..... Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
D. A. MCMILLAN..... Grand Master at Arms.

GRAND TRIBUNAL.—L. D. Robinson, C. R. Barker, M. A. Allen.
JUDICIARY.—J. G. Hall, C. W. Lambeth, E. G. Parmelee.
FINANCE.—T. S. Franklin, L. P. McLeod.
STATE OF THE ORDER.—J. W. Byers, J. T. Moffitt, J. S. Burch.
ORPHANS.—P. R. Law, E. A. Ebert.
CREDENTIALS.—F. L. Bundy, G. B. Sellars, C. K. Cooke.
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—W. W. Willson.

The roll of Lodges was then called and a quorum being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ritualistic form.

The Grand Chancellor mad he following appointments to fill vacancies in Grand Lodge offices:

E. A. Ebert..... Grand Viee Chancellor.
B. W. Hargrave of No. 87..... Grand Inner Guard.
E. L. Martin of No. 37..... Grand Outer Guard.

To fill vacancies on Committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

S. B. Bundy of No. 38, in place of S. Behrends.

ON ORPHAN COMMITTEE.

J. J. Thornton of No. 80, in place of W. F. Gilmer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 1.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

We your Committee on Credentials respeetfully report that we find the certificates of the following Representatives correct.

SESSION

STONEWALL, No. 1.—Wilmington.
James M. McGowan.....1897–98

CLARENDON, No. 2—Wilmington.
Walker Taylor.....1896–97

CENTRE, No. 3.—Raleigh.
T. P. Sale.....1897–98

GERMANIA, No. 4.—Wilmington.
J. W. Dulls.....1896–97

CUMBERLAND, No. 5.—Fayetteville.
N. B. Alexander.....1897–98

RUFFIN, No. 6.—Goldsboro
W. T. Harrison.....1896–97

ATHENIA, No. 8.—New Berne.
Edward Gerock.....1896–97

SALISBURY, No. 24.—Salisbury.
H. J. Overman.....1896–67

SCOTLAND, No. 27.—Laurinburg.
K. A. Blue.....1897–98

DURHAM, No. 31.—Durham.
Samuel Kramer.....1897–98

PISGAH, No. 32.—Asheville.
C. W. Thornburg.....1896–97

MAXTON, No. 33.—Maxton.
W. B. Harker..... 1897–98

PHALANX, No. 34.—Raleigh.
William Ledbetter.....1897

LUMBERTON, No. 35—Lumberton.
John H. Wishart.....1897–98

GIBSON, No. 36—Gibson.
W. J. Adams.....1896–97

RATHBONE, No. 37.—Charlotte.
D. F. Summey, Jr.....1897–98

MONROE, No. 38.—Monroe.
S. J. Welsh..... 1896–97

HIGH POINT, No. 39.—High Point.
Geo. A. Matton.....1897–98

WELCOME, No. 40.—Tarboro.
R. E. L. Cook.....1896–97

DAMON, No. 41.—Winston.
O. B. Eaton.....1897–98

SHELBY, No. 42.—Shelby.
H. D. Wilson.....1896–97

LIBERTY, No. 43.—Liberty.
W. H. Griffin.....1897–98

BLUE RIDGE, No. 44.—Mt. Airy.
Samuel G. Pace.....1897

ASHEBORO, No. 45.—Asheboro.
C. C. McAlister.....1897–98

STATESVILLE, No. 46.—Statesville.
J. E. Watts.....1897

LINCOLNTON, No. 48.—Lincolnton.
S. G. Findley..... 1896–97

REIDSVILLE, No 49.—Reidsville.
E. S. Sheppe.....1897–98

BURLINGTON, No. 50.—Burlington.
Chas. E. McLean.....1896–97

CONCORD, No. 51.—Concord.
L. D. Coltrane.....1897–98

MADISON, No. 52.—Madison.
S. A. Dorsett.....1896–97

GASTONIA, No. 53.—Gastonia.
H. B. Moore.....1897-98

CATAWBA, No. 54.—Hickory.
F. B. Ingold.....1896-97

ROWLAND, No. 55 —Rowland.
H. M. John.....1897-98

SALEM, No. 56.—Salem.
F. C. Meinung.....1897

HIAWASSEE, No. 57.—Murphy.
M. W. Bell.....1897-98

MT. IDA, No. 58.—Marion.
W. W. Nichols.....1896-97

ABERDEEN, No. 60.—Aberdeen.
D. A. McLauchlin.....1896-97

JEFFERSON, No. 61—Wilmington.
W. J. Woodward.....1897-98

BALSAM, No. 62.—Waynesville.
J. W. Ferguson.....1896-97

RAMSEUR, No. 63.—Ramseur.
J. Ed. Cole.....1897-98

BURKE, No. 64.—Morganton.
F. B. Gilliam.....1896-97

ZEB VANCE, No. 65.—Mooresville.
T. N. Hall.....1897-98

KINSTON, No. 66.—Kinston.
Charles B. Woodley.....1896-97

NORTH WILKESBORO, No. 67.—North Wilkesboro.
T. B. Findly.....1897-98

MT. HOLLY, No. 68.—Mt. Holly.
R. B. Babbington.....1896-97

GUILFORD, No. 69.—Greensboro.
D. Schenck, Jr.....1897-98

HENRIETTA, No. 70.—Henrietta.
Dr. R. Hicks.....1896-97

LEXINGTON, No. 71.—Lexington.
G. W. Montcastle.....1897-98

EXCELSIOR, No. 72.—Louisburg.
C. K. Cooke.....1896-97

PAMLICO, No. 73.—Washington.
John C. Rodman.....1897-98

WAXHAW, No. 74.—Waxhaw.
H. T. Williams.....1896-97

WADESBORO, No. 75.—Wadesboro.
W. C. Hardison.....1897-98

MATTHEWS, No. 77.—Matthews.
A. J. Williams.....1897–98

CALDWELL, No. 78.—Lenoir.
N. H. Hailey.....1896–97

RIVERSIDE, No. 79.—Marshall.
J. R. Swann.....1897–98

GREENSBORO, No. 80.—Greensboro.
A. H. Alderman.....1897

NORWOOD, No. 81.—Norwood.
Thomas A. Hatchcock.....1897–98

FOREST CITY, No. 82.—Forest City.
G. K. Moore 1896–97

CHARLOTTE, No. 83.—Charlotte.
George A. Page.....1897–98

ROCKY MOUNT, No. 84.—Rocky Mount.
J. C. Braswell.....1897

HENDERSON, No. 85.—Henderson.
Henry P. Strauss.....1897–98

BETHANIA, No. 86.—Bethania.
E. T. Kapp.....1896–97

CONTENTNEA, No. 87.—Wilson.
B. W. Hargrave.....1897–98

PITTSBORO, No. 88.—Pittsboro.
H. A. London, Jr.....1897

PINEVILLE, No. 89.—Pineville.
W. B. Devlin.....1897–98

MECKLENBURG, No. 90.—Charlotte.
T. A. Sikes.....1897

RED SPRINGS, No. 91.—Red Springs.
J. L. McMillan.....1897–98

GRAHAM, No. 92.—Graham.
J. L. Scott, Jr 1897

TAR RIVER, No. 93.—Greenville.
Larry C. Moore.....1897–98

KINGS MOUNTAIN, No. 94.—Kings Mountain.
C. E. Falls 1897

ROCKINGHAM, No. 95.—Rockingham.
B. W. Whiting.....1897–98

We find that the following Past Chancellors are entitled to the Grand Lodge Rank.

NO.	LODGE AND LOCATION.	PAST CHANCELLOR.
1....	Stonewall, Wilmington	C. D. Yarborough.
3 ...	Centre, Raleigh	R. C. Rivers.
3....	Centre, Raleigh.....	L. W. Smith.

8....	Athenia, New Berne	George H. Bender.
27....	Scotland, Laurinburg	R. E. L. Correll.
31....	Durham, Durham	W. M. Yearby.
37....	Rathbone, Charlotte	M. P. Pegram, Jr.
37....	Rathbone, Charlotte	A. E. Conster.
37....	Rathbone, Charlotte	Joe B. Hartge.
39...	High Point, High Point	George A. Matton.
44....	Blue Ridge, Mt. Airy	H. H. Beer.
44 ...	Blue Ridge, Mt. Airy	George W. Sprager.
48....	Lincolnton, Lincolnton	John W. Lain.
48 ..	Lincolnton, Lincolnton	Hugh Jenkins.
49....	Reidsville, Reidsville	E. S. Sheppe.
53....	Gastonia, Gastonia	H. B. Moore.
56...	Salem, Salem	George A. Boozer.
57....	Hiawassee, Murphy	Ben Posey.
62....	Balsam, Waynesville	H. R. Ferguson.
69....	Guilford, Greensboro	D. L. Hagan.
69....	Guilford, Greensboro	A. G. Wilson.
70....	Henrietta, Henrietta	F. B. Gafney.
70....	Henrietta, Henrietta	C. B. Wiseman.
72....	Excelsior, Louisburg	M. H. Aycock.
73....	Pamlico, Washington	W. B. Rodman.
75....	Wadesboro, Wadesboro	W. L. Marshall.
80....	Greensboro, Greensboro	E. V. Hobbs.
81....	Norwood, Norwood	Henry B. Verner.
87....	Contentnea, Wilson	C. E. Moore.
88....	Pittsboro, Pittsboro	H. T. Chapin.
88....	Pittsboro, Pittsboro	B. Moore, Jr.
88....	Pittsboro, Pittsboro	F. C. Powe.
88....	Pittsboro, Pittsboro	H. A. London, Jr.
89....	Pineville, Pineville	W. B. Devlin.
89....	Pinevillle, Pineville	W. M. Morrow.
89....	Pineville, Pineville	John C. Fisher.
89....	Pineville, Pineville	W. K. Reid.
90....	Mecklenburg, Charlotte	F. M. Shannonhouse.
90....	Mecklenburg, Charlotte	George A. Hall.
90....	Mecklenburg, Charlotte	W. M. Lyles.
90....	Mecklenburg, Charlotte	Wm. F. Bennett.
90....	Mecklenburg, Charlotte	H. T. Rollins.
91....	Red Springs, Red Springs	J. L. McMillan.
92....	Graham, Graham	J. L. Scott, Jr.
93....	Tar River, Greenville	C. O. H. Laughinghouse.
93....	Tar River, Greenville	L. C. Moore.
93 ...	Tar River, Greenville	Hugh Parham.
94....	Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain	R. S. Plank.

94.... Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain..... B. R. Hunter,
94.... Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain .... C. E. Neisler.
94.... Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain .... C. E. Falls.
95.... Rockingham, Rockingham..... B. W Whiting.
95.... Rockingham, Rockingham..... John L. Everett.

Fraternally, F. L. Bundy, *Chairman.*
G. B. Sellars,
C. K. Cooke,
Committee on Credentials.

REQUEST FROM THE GRAND CHANCELLOR OF THE GRAND DOMAIN OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The following request from the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of Pennsylvania was read and referred to the Committee on Credentials, which made a favorable report, which was adopted, and the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred on Brother Helwig.

Document No. 2.

Scranton, Pa., June 5th, 1897.

Hon. Washington Catlett, Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

Sir and Brother,—*Greeting:* Brother W. J. Helwig, at present a resident of Charlotte, N. C., is a Past Chancellor in good standing of Lodge No. 198 in this Grand Domain, and is in possession of the S. A. P. W. or has an order for the same. He is desirous of visiting your Grand Lodge Convention to be held June 15, 1897. While I find his name on the roll of Past Chancellors yet I find no date as to when he was admitted to the Grand Lodge. You will confer a favor upon me if you will give the Past Chancellors Rank in your Grand Lodge with the necessary pass word and have the Secretary (Keeper of Records and Seal) notify me of the date. Hoping that I may have an opportunity to return some fraternal courtesy, I am, Yours fraternally, H. N. Dunnell,
Grand Chancellor.

Grand Vice Chancellor R. H. Rickert and Grand Inner Guard R. L. Cooper entered the Grand Lodge and assumed their stations.

REQUEST FROM GUILFORD LODGE, No. 69.

Representative D. Schenck, Jr., of No. 69, presented the following certificate which was referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported it back to the Grand Lodge without recommendation.

On motion of Past Chancellor C. W. Lambeth it was then referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 3.

This is to certify that on Nov. 30th, 1894, David Schenck, Jr., J. C. Clifton and J. T. Thacker were elected and recommended to the Grand Lodge of the Domain of North Carolina, as Past Chancellors, by courtesy from Guilford Lodge, No. 69.

That J. T. Thacker declined to accept the position, and the Lodge accepted his resignation from said position. That Brother Thacker has long since been suspended for non-payment of dues.

That this Lodge being without its quota of Past Chancellors, duly elected at a regular meeting held December 4th, 1896, Bro. Jno. R. Schenck, a Knight in good standing, as a Past Chancellor to fill the aforesaid vacancy occurring by reason of the failure and refusal of J. T. Thacker to accept and act in said capacity.

Witness the signature of our Chancellor Commander and the seal of our Lodge: Guilford, No. 69.

Done at Greensboro this June 14th, 1897.

D. L. Hagan,
Chancellor Commander,
Guilford, No. 69, K. of P.

R. S. McCain,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST CHANCELLORS.

The following Representatives and Past Chancellors were then introduced by the Grand Master at Arms, and the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred upon them.

Document No. 4.

	NO. LODGE.		NO. LODGE
J. W. Dulls	4	A. E. McCauslom	37
W. B. Alexander	5	J. B. Hartge	37
R. E. L. Correll	27	M. P. Pegram, Jr.	37
J. H. Wishart	35	W. H. Griffin	43

	NO. LODGE.		NO. LODGE
S. G. Findley	48	A. J. Williams	77
E. S. Sheppe	49	G. H. Royster	80
Charles E. McLean	50	T. A. Hatchcock	81
H. B. Moore	53	George A. Page	83
F. C. Meinung	56	J. C. Braswell	84
W. W. Nichols	58	H. A. London, Jr	88
J. Ed. Cole	63	W. B. Devlin	89
R. Y. McPherson	65	William Lyles	90
C. B. Woodley	66	H. T. Rollins	90
T. B. Finley	67	T. A. Sikes	90
R. Hicks	70	W. S. Bennett	90
H. B. Verner	71	J. L. Scott, Jr	92
G. W. Montcastle	71	C. E Falls	94
J. C. Rodman	73	B. Whiting	95
W. L. Marshall	75	Jno. L. Everett	95
W. C. Hardison	75		

On motion the Grand Lodge took recess until Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The doors were then thrown open, and the public admitted. The Grand Lodge was then given a hearty and chivalric welcome by Representative Geo. A. Page of Charlotte Lodge, No. 83. The Grand Chancellor requested Past Grand Chancellor Chas. A. Webb to respond which he did in his usual happy style. Short and interesting talks were then made by Representatives Gerock of No. 8, J. J. Thornton of No. 80, T. P. Sale of No. 3, Inner Guard R. L. Cooper and Past Chancellors L. P. McLeod of No. 32, and C. L. Hoffmann of No. 37. Grand Vice-Chancellor R. H. Rickert made the closing remarks, and the crowd then dispersed, thus closing a very pleasant evening.

SECOND DAY — Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Chancellor Catlett, with all the officers present. Roll of Lodges was called and the following were found to be represented. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 24, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95. Total 69.

Representatives of the following Lodges failed to respond: Nos. 52 and 78.

Past Chancellor Thos. S. Franklin of No. 37, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to take a street car ride at 6 o'clock which, on motion, was accepted.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following as the committee on distribution:

Edward Gerock of No. 8.

W. J. Woodward of No. 61.

J. H. Wishart of No. 35.

PAST CHANCELLORS ADMITTED.

The following Past Chancellors were then introduced by the Grand Master at Arms and the Grand Lodge Rank duly conferred upon them.

W. A. Lane	38	H. M. Williams	74
Geo. A. Matton	39	A. H. Alderman	80
O. B. Eaton	41	G. L. McMillan	91
H. M. John	55	L. C. Moore	93
H. T. Williams	74		

On motion of Grand Prelate P. R. Law, the reading of

the proceedings of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative Walker Taylor of No. 2, the reports of all the officers were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Distribution presented the following report which was read and adopted.

Document No. 6.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the Reports of the Officers, beg leave to recommend the following references:

That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Districts and District Deputy Grand Chancellors be referred to the Grand Tribunal to pass upon the Constitutionality of the act.

To the Judiciary Committee: That portion of the Grand Chancellors Report referring to Dispensations.

To the Committee on the State of the Order: That part of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Solicitations of aid from other Grand Domains.

To the Committee on the State of the Order: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Mount Ida Lodge.

To the Committee on the State of the Order: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Defunct Lodges.

To the Committee on the State of the Order: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to New Lodges.

To the Committee on Judiciary: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Resignations and Appointments.

To the Committee on Finance: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to the Change of Place of Meeting.

To a Special Committee of Three: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Rathbone Monument Fund and recommend for that committee W. S Cook, J. W. Fergerson, T. H. Hall.

To a special Committee consisting of R. H. Riekert, W. T. Hollowell and N. B. Alexander: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Pythian Papers.

That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report with reference to the State of the Order we deem it unnecessary to refer as the Commiitee on the State of the Order has a full report.

To the Judieiary Committee: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

To the Committe on Finance: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Finance.

To the Grand Tribunal: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Alternate Grand Representatives for their immediate consideration and report as to application of Supreme Lodge Law.

To the Committee on State of the Order: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Counting the Rituals.

To the Grand Tribunal: That portion of the Grand Chancellors Report referring to District Meetings.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of W. T. Harrison, H. A. London, Jr., and John C. Rodman: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Castle Halls and Entertainments.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of H. J. Overman, C. C. McAllister and B. W. Hargrave: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Hand Shaking.

To the Judiciary Committee: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Sick Benefits.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of J. E. Watts, J. L. McMillan and D. F. Summey, Jr.: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Committing the Rituals.

To the Committee on Finance: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to the office of Grand Chancellor.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of C. W. Thornburg, J. H. Wishart, and A. H. Alderman: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Official Visits.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of K. A. Blue, W. J. Adams and J. C. Braswell: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Supreme Lodge and Statutes.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of D. Schenck, Jr., W. C. Hardison and George A. Page: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to Suspension for Non-payment of Dues.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of E. Gerock, William Ledbetter and E. A. Ebert: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report report referring to Orphan Fund.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of Walker Taylor, Samuel Kramer and O. B. Eaton: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to the Endowment Rank.

To a Special Committee of three, consisting of W. J. Woodward, T. S. Franklin and H. J. Overman: That portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to the Uniform Rank.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Gerock,
W. J. Woodward,
J. H. Wishart,
Committee.

Supreme Representative Cooke moved that the Grand Lodge proceed with the regular order of business, (the election of officers). Representative D. Schenck, Jr., of No. 69, moved as a substitute that the vote by which the report of Committee on Distribution was adopted be reconsidered. The substitute was lost and the original motion was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers. The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellor G. B. Sellars of No. 33 and C. K. Cooke of No. 72 as tellers.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE FOR LONG TERM.

Supreme Representative Cooke placed Past Grand Chancellor E. A. Ebert in nomination for Supreme Representative. There being no other nominations the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which was done and Past Grand Chancellor Ebert was declared elected Supreme Representative for a full term of four years from January 1, 1898.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE FOR SHORT TERM.

Past Chancellor J. G. Hall nominated Past Grand Chancellor C. A Webb, Representative D. Schenck, Jr., nominated Past Grand Chancellor C. E. Holton. A ballot being taken resulted in the election of C. A. Webb by the following vote: Webb 57, Holton 38.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Holton the election of C. A. Webb was made unanimous.

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Grand Prelate Law nominated Grand Vice Chancellor R. H. Rickert. There being no other nominations the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which he did and R. H. Rickert was declared unanimously elected Grand Chancellor.

GRAND VICE CHANCELLOR.

Representative Walker Taylor of No. 2, nominated Past Chancellor Thos. S. Franklin of No. 37. There being no other nominations, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which was done and Past Chancellor Thomas Franklin was declared elected Grand Vice Chancellor.

GRAND PRELATE.

Past Chancellor Thornton of No. 80, nominated Bro. P. R. Law. Representative Gerock of No. 8, nominated D. A. McMillan. A vote being taken resulted in the election of D. A. McMillan by the following vote: McMillan 65, Law 30.

GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

Supreme Representative Cooke nominated John Ward, the present incumbent. There being no other nominations, Brother Cook was requested to cast the vote of Grand Lodge, which he did, and Brother Ward was declared unanimously elected Grand Master of Exchequer.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

Representative Alexander of No. 5, nominated Past Chancellor F. L. Bundy. Representative Wm. Ledbet-

ter of No. 34, nominated Past Grand Chancellor W. T. Hollowell, and a ballot being taken resulted in the election of W. T. Hollowell by the following vote: Hollowell 55, Bundy 39.

GRAND MASTER AT ARMS.

Representative McLeod nominated Grand Inner Guard R. L. Cooper, and there being no other nominations, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge which was done and Bro. Cooper was declared elected Grand Master at Arms.

GRAND INNER GUARD.

Past Chancellor Thornton nominated Representative S. J. Welsh of No. 38, and there being no other nominations, the vote was cast by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Brother Welsh was declared unanimously elected Grand Inner Guard.

GRAND OUTER GUARD.

Representative Gilliam nominated Past Chancellor W. R. Barker of No. 64. Past Chancellor Moffitt nominated Representative J. L. Scott of No. 92. A vote being taken resulted in the election of Brother Scott by the following vote: Scott 71, Barker 18.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHAN FUND.

Grand Prelate Law, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Orphan Fund, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was made a special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Document No. 7.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

Your Board of Trustees of the Orphan Fund would present the following report for the year ending June 2nd, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand to the credit of this Fund as per the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer	$ 1,489 64
Amount in the General Fund, due this Fund on account of the 10 per cent. tax	343 60
Amount in the General Fund as accumulations in 1895 and 1896 not yet transferred	735 63
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RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would make the following recommendations:

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P. R. Law, *Chairman.*

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR GRAND OUTER GUARD W. C. CRIST.

Representative Edward Gerock of No. 8, offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Document No. 8.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That, whereas, it is with sincere regret we learn that sickness has prevented the attendance of Grand Outer Guard W. C Crist who has been confined to his bed with severe illness for weeks, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, now in annual session assembled, do

extend the hearty sympathy of this Grand Body to our sick brother and his family and express the wish for his speedy recovery.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy of the same be sent to brother W. C. Crist.

Respectfully submitted,

E. GEROCK.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by Grand Chancellor Catlett.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

Grand Master at Arms reported Past Chancellors W. F. Stevens of No. 77, and T. J. Orr of No. 89, in waiting in the ante room, to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, and they were admitted and the Rank duly conferred upon them.

CALL OF LODGES FOR NEW BUSINESS.

On a call of Lodges for new business the following was presented.

RESOLUTION FROM STONEWALL LODGE, No. 1.

The following resolution was presented by the Representative of No. 1, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :—

The following resolution was offered by E. H. Batson :

Be it Resolved, That the Representative from Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, to the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, at its Con-

vention in Charlotte,is hereby instructed to use every effort in his power, either to repeal, or to so modify Sections 176, 177, 178 and 179, of Chapter IX, of the Grand Statutes of said Grand Domain, as to leave to each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain the absolute power to regulate and prescribe the amount of weekly benefits which it may pay to its members, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the said representative to be presented to the Grand Lodge, and that the seal of the Lodge be attached and this resolution signed by the Chancellor Commander and the Keeper of Records and Seal.

H. Cronenberg, *Chancellor Commander,*
W. F. Robertson, *Keeper of Records and Seal.*

PROPOSITION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF No. 1, AND No. 6.

The following proposition was presented by Representatives McGowan of No. 1, and Harrison of No. 6, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 9.

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That section 176, Chapter IX, be amended by striking out the word *Provided* and the words following in said section; and further that Sections 177, 178 and 179 of said Chapter be repealed.

RESOLUTION BY REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDER OF No. 5.

The following resolution was offered by Representative Alexander of No. 5, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 10.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That the Supreme Representatives of this Domain be and are hereby instructed to offer an amendment to the supreme statutes, to have the law as relates to the reinstatement of members suspended for non-payment of dues so changed as to conform to the law governing the deposit of transfer and withdrawal cards.

RESOLUTION FROM STONEWALL LODGE, No. 1.

The following was presented by Representative McGowan of No. 1, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Document No. 11.

WILMINGTON, N. C., JUNE 5, 1897.

JAMES M. MCGOWAN, ESQ., CITY.

Dear Sir and Brother:—The following motion was made, duly seconded and endorsed by Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, K. of P. at its regular convention held last evening:

That our Grand Representation at the next Grand Lodge session make due and diligent effort to have passed such legislation that hereafter all Lodge officers shall during the interim between election and installation commit to memory their respective parts in all ritualistic work, combining opening and closing ceremonies and the three initiatory degrees. Any officer-elect failing to comply with above requirements shall thereby relinquish all claims to the office to which he has been elected.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. ROBERTSON, *Keeper Records and Seal.*

RESOLUTIONS FROM RUFFIN LODGE.

The following document from Ruffin Lodge, No. 6, was presented by Representative Harrison, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 12.

CASTLE HALL, RUFFIN LODGE NO. 6.
GOLDSBORO, N. C., JUNE 11, 1897.

To the Chancellor Commander and Brethren:

We, your Committee appointed to draft resolutions, instructing our representative to the Grand Lodge, to bring before that body certain grievances, beg leave to submit the following as their report.

WHEREAS, by the Grand Lodge laws, we are deprived of the privilege of paying our members sick benefits, further than the amount of our annual dues, per week, and whereas, we desire to have the privilege of paying them any amount, and other benefits we see fit, claiming the right of appropriating our own money as we please. Therefore, be it

Resolved by Ruffin Lodge, No. 6, that our representative to the Grand Lodge be instructed to bring this matter before that body and use his best efforts to have these obnoxious Laws changed, so that our grievances may be abated.

Resolved. Also that he express to the Grand Lodge, that we have watched with alarm, the encroachments of the Supreme and Grand Lodges, upon the personal rights of the Subordinate Lodges, which we deem detrimental to Pythianism, and especially so to Ruffin Lodge, and to enter our protest against such measures, and our earnest disapproval of them.

W. H. VAN HOOK,
JNO. H. HILL,
H. C. SHANNON,
Committee.

RESOLUTION OF INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

Representative Moore of No. 93, offered the following resolution which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 13.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: 1. That the Supreme Representatives of this Grand Domain be instructed to use their efforts in the next succeeding Supreme Convention to amend the work of the second Rank in a manner as directed by this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION BY B. W. WHITING OF No. 95.

Representative Whiting of No. 95, offered the following resolution which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 13 1-2.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That the names of T. R. Thompson and W. D. McRae be added to the list of Past Chancellors to which this Lodge is entitled at its institution, making four in all.

B. W. WHITING,
Representative of No. 95.

INVITATION TO VISIT THE NASHVILLE EXPOSITION.

The following invitation from the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Nashville, Tenn., and endorsements of the Press of the City, City Council, Governor of the State of Tennessee, and the Director General of the Exposition was read, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to make due acknowledgments.

Document No. 14.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, JUNE 1, 1897.

Secretary Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

GENTLEMEN—The Chamber of Commerce of Nashville, Tennessee, together with other official bodies of this city, beg very respectfully to ten-

der herewith a most cordial and pressing invitation for your Association, upon the adjournment of its Convention, to visit our Centennial Exposition in a body. Our Exposition opens May 1st and continues for six months.

We can assure you a most hearty and cordial welcome, and will use all possible means to make your stay among us pleasant, and we feel sure that the recollections of your visit to Tennessee will be a matter of pleasure both to yourselves and the people of our city.

The many attractions and inducements that our State and city have to offer for the meeting here of the different organizations of the country in this our Centennial Year, are set forth in part in the accompanying circular. Side trips to any and all points of interest, the many battle fields, Hermitage, Lookout Mountain, celebrated stock farms, etc., can be made in a few hours ride at greatly reduced rates. Many of the principal points can be reached without charge.

The lowest possible tariff of rates will be established by the Railroads. Full information can be had from your Railroad Agents. This will place it within the province of all to visit our Exposition.

Trusting to have the presence of your Association and its many friends in our city, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

NASHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

A. J. HARRIS, President.

A. W. WILLS, Secretary.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ORPHAN FUND.

The Report of Trustees of the Orphan Fund having been made a special order for three o'clock and the hour having arrived, the report was taken up, and, on motion, considered by sections.

Section 1 was adopted.

Section 2 was adopted.

Section 3 was adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

Document No. 15.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

Your Board of Trustees of the Orphan Fund would present the following report for the year ending June 2nd, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand to the credit of this Fund as per the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer	$ 1,489 64
Amount in the General Fund, due this Fund on account of the 10 per cent. tax	343 60
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RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would make the following recommendations:

1. That all the foregoing amounts due this Fund by the General Fund be transferred to it as soon as practicable by warrant issued in due form by the Grand Chancellor.

2. That this Fund be invested by the Grand Master of Exchequer as heretofore in obedience to the instructions of the Trustees of the same.

3. That the Trustees of the Fund be authorized to secure one or more wards in either of the Orphan Homes of the State, whenever in the Providence of God, dependent Pythian Orphans in the Domain shall call for our support.

P. R. Law, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Brother J. G. Hall, for the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 16.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Taylor and the matters therein embraced, respectfully report that we do heartily and unanimously recommend the adoption of the said resolution. After a careful and deliberate investigation we find that Guilford Lodge,

No. 69, was and is entitled to confer the honor of Past Chancellor upon four of its members.

We further find that under existing laws Bro. Jno. R Schenck was and is legally entitled to said "honor" by said Lodge, and consequently entitled to the "Grand Lodge Rank."

Therefore, waiving possible legal technicalities, we recommend the immediate adoption of the following resolution offered by Brother Taylor:

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:—"That the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina does approve the action of Guilford Lodge, No. 69, in its election of Bro. John R. Schenck to the Honor of Past Chancellor.

2nd. That said Honor was duly conferred.

3rd. That this Grand Lodge shall now confer upon said brother the Grand Lodge Rank."

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Hall, *Chairman*,
C. W. Lambeth,
E. G. Parmele,
Judiciary Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMORIZING THE RITUAL.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report with reference to memorizing the Ritual, submitted the following which was adopted.

Document No. 17.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on the Grand Chancellor's recommendation as to the advisability of committing the ritual to memory, would most heartily endorse the suggestion of the Grand Chancellor and would urge all District Deputy Grand Chancellors to insist on the requirements of the law in reference to this matter being strictly complied with.

J. E. Watts,
J. L. McMillan,
D. F. Summey, Jr.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

The following Resolution, offered by Past Grand Chancellor W. H. Gerkin, was unanimously adopted.

Document No. 18.

To the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

BRETHREN—It is with sincere regret that I report to this Grand Body the demise of one of Germania's most esteemed members and a Past Chancellor of that Lodge, and I offer the following:

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Alex Adrian this Grand Domain has lost an upright member, and Wilmington an earnest advocate to all leading to its prosperity. That a blank page in our Journal be inscribed to his memory, and a copy of the above resolution be sent to the family of the deceased brother.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GERKEN, P. G. C.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report in reference to Lodges having copies of the Supreme and Grand Lodge Laws, submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 19.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, the Special Committee having that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report in reference to Grand Lodge Reports and Statutes referred to us, recommend: That subordinate Lodges should have a copy of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes, the Supreme Lodge Constitution and Statutes, and a copy of the Decisions of the Supreme Tribunal.

K. A. BLUE, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee on that portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report with reference to Castle Halls and Entertainments, submitted the following which was adopted.

Document No. 20.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, your Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Chancellor's Report referring to "Castle Halls and Entertainments," beg leave to say that we most heartily endorse all that the Grand Chancellor

has said in this part of his report and suggest to the Subordinate Lodges throughout the Grand Domain that they take due notice to enhance their welfare in this respect. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HARRISON,
JOHN C. RODMAN,
H. A. LONDON, JR.

RESOLUTION TO PRINT ROSTER OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Representative Walker Taylor of No. 2, offered the following Resolution which was adopted.

Document No. 21.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to incorporate in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge a roster of each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain. WALKER TAYLOR,

Representative No. 2.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee on Rathbone Monument Fund, through Supreme Representative Cook, submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 22.

To the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report as to the Rathbone Monument Fund, would recommend: That the Grand Chancellor be requested to issue a circular, asking voluntary contributions to this most worthy cause and would suggest that he make these collections through the District Deputy Grand Chancellors of each Subordinate Lodge, by requesting them to present its claims, and urging liberal donations on the part of the membership of this Grand Domain.

W. S. COOK,
T. N. HALL.

Committee.

RESOLUTION TO SOLICIT FUNDS.

The following resolution was offered by E. G. Parmelee which was adopted. Supreme Representative

Cook solicited contributions from the members of the Grand Lodge and reported his collections, and turned them over to the Grand Master of Exchequer.

Document No. 23.

Resolved, That Past Supreme Representative W. S. Cook be appointed to solicit funds from the members of this Grand Lodge for the Rathbone Monument Fund. E. G. PARMELEE.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HAND SHAKING.

The Special Committee on that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report, with reference to Hand Shaking, submitted the following which was adopted.

Document No. 24.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Chancellor's report on Hand Shaking beg to report that we heartily endorse what was said therein and recommend its adoption.

Signed. H. J. OVERMAN,
B. W. HARGRAVE.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

The Grand Inner Guard reported Past Chancellor J. R. Schenck of No. 69, in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, and he was introduced by the Grand Master at Arms, and the Rank duly conferred.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Representative D. Schenck, Jr., from the Special Committee on that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report with reference to Suspensions, submitted the following which was adopted.

Document No. 25.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, the Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the

Grand Chancellor's report, relative to "suspension for non-payment of dues," respectfully report.

That we endorse the sentiments expressed in that portion of his report and recommend to Subordinate Lodges a careful perusal of the same to the end that the wise suggestions therein made, may be followed, especially as to the selection of Masters of Finance.

We recommend to the Representatives to call to the attention of their several Lodges to this portion of the report.

D. SCHENCK, JR., *Chairman*,
GEO. A. PAGE,
W. C. HARDISON.

RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE GRAND STATUTES.

Past Chancellor W. W. Willson of No. 3, offered the following resolution which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 26.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: 1st. That a committee of three be appointed to revise and prepare an index to the Grand Statutes, and that all amendments to the Grand Statutes offered at this convention and not acted upon be referred to them for their consideration.

2nd. That they report at the next convention of this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO PER CAPITA TAX.

Representative Moore of No. 93, offered the following resolution which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Document No. 27.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be and he is hereby instructed to collect the per capita tax from all newly instituted Lodges upon the following basis, to-wit: All Lodges instituted in this Grand Domain between the 1st day of April and the 1st day of July and between the 1st day of October and the 1st day of January shall pay one half of the per capita tax for the current semi-annual term. Lodges instituted at other times shall pay full tax.

This provision shall include Lodges instituted during the semi-annual term ending June 30th, 1897.

L. I. MOORE,
Representative of No. 93.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

Past Chancellor W. S. Wishart of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, was reported in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, and he was introduced by the Grand Master at Arms, and the Grand Lodge Rank duly conferred upon him.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the selection of the next place of meeting.

Past Grand Chancellor Gerken placed Wilmington in nomination. Past Chancellor Willson placed Raleigh in nomination. Bro. Willson withdrew the name of Raleigh, and on motion, Wilmington was selected as the next place of meeting, and the second Tuesday in June, 1898, at 8 o'clock p. m., as the time.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took recess until 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY — Morning Session.

JUNE 17.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Chancellor Catlett and a quorum of Lodges present. Representative W. B. Harker of No. 33, was appointed Grand Prelate in absence of Grand Prelate Law, who was excused from further attendance upon this session.

Upon a call of Lodges for new business, the following was presented.

PROPOSITION TO REPEAL TITLE III, CHAPTER XII, SECTION 195 OF THE GRAND STATUTES.

Representative Sheppe of No. 49, offered the following Proposition, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 28.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Title III, Chapter XII of the Grand Statutes be amended by repealing Section 195, and substituting in place thereof the following chapter:

CHAPTER XII.

CONSOLIDATION.

When two or more Subordinate Lodges in this Domain desire to consolidate in accordance with Section 319 of the Supreme Statutes, a joint committee composed of one or more members of each of such Lodges shall prepare and submit to each of said Lodges, for ratification, articles of consolidation; said articles to contain the following information: (1). The proposition submitted to, and approved by, each of said Lodges. (2.) The name and number, which shall be the number of one of said Lodges of said consolidated Lodge. (3). A list of the names of all the members of the proposed consolidated Lodge. (4) The names of the officers chosen for said consolidated Lodge. Said articles shall be presented in writing in duplicate and signed by all members of said joint committee, and when ratified by the said Lodges shall be certified under seal by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal of each of said Lodges and forwarded to the Grand Chancellor for his approval. If approved by the Grand Chancellor, he shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to notify in writing each of said Lodges that an order for the proposed consolidation will issue as prayed for in said articles, upon the surrender of rituals and officers' jewels, except one set of each, which shall become the property of said consolidated Lodge; and if consolidated under the charter of one of said Lodges, the charter and seal of the other Lodge or Lodges shall be surrendered to the Grand Chancellor upon his approval of said articles of consolidation. And in the event of the consolidation as aforesaid under neither of the old charters, then all of the charters and seals of the said Lodges shall be surrendered to the Grand Chancellor as aforesaid, and a new charter shall be issued at once.

E. S. SHEPPE.
Representative of No. 49.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE GRAND STATUTES.

Representative Sheppe of No. 49, presented the following Proposition which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 29.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Title III, Chapter III, of the Grand Statutes be amended by repealing Section 141, and changing Section 139 so as to read:

"Section 139. At the first regular Convention in the months of June and December in each year the following officers shall be elected to serve for a term of six months, commencing from the first of the month next respectively ensuing: Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Work, Master at Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard."

E. S. SHEPPE,
Representative of No. 49.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS TO SUPREME LODGE FOR THE HONOR CONFERRED UPON PAST CHANCELLOR MEARES.

Representative D. Schenck, Jr., of No. 69, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Document No. 30.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: 1st. That we, the Representatives and Officers of this Domain, in annual convention at Charlotte, N. C., assembled, are deeply appreciative of the honor bestowed—and that most worthily—upon our Brother Thomas D. Meares in his recent election to the position of Supreme Master-of Exchequer.

We tender to the Supreme Lodge our cordial thanks for its action in said election and beg to assure its officers and members that Brother Meares is universally beloved by our Domain membership for his Pythian fidelity, his untiring zeal for the advancement of the order and his qualities of business sagacity, executive ability, and the goodly parts of affable manhood and meritorious confidence—inspiring, citizenship.

2nd. Without, in our justifiable favoritism, detracting from the excellencies of other members of the Supreme Lodge, we beg to observe that

the trust of, in due time, higher and even the highest honor in the Order would be reposed, if in him, in one of truest allegiance and diligent in our general welfare.

3rd. That our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be and is instructed to duly certify to the Supreme Lodge a copy of this resolution and to furnish thereof copies to our Supreme Representatives.

D. SCHENCK, JR.,
Representative of No. 69.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

Past Chancellors Geo. S. Hall of No. 90, and J. R. Reitzell of No. 43, were reported in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, and they were introduced by the Grand Master at Arms, and the Grand Lodge Rank duly conferred upon them.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Bro. J. G. Hall, for the Judiciary Committee, made the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 30 1-2.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee beg to report on Document No. 29, and recommend that same be enacted.

J. G. HALL,
C. W. LAMBETH,
E. G. PARMELEE,
Committee.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF UTAH.

Bro. W. W. Willson of No. 3, offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Document No. 31.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That the Grand Chancellor send a telegram of Fraternal Greeting to the Grand Lodge of the Domain of Utah now in Convention at Ogden.

The following telegram was sent in accordance with above resolution.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., JULY 17, 1897.

To W. B. Wedell, Grand Chancellor,
Ogden, Utah:

North Carolina extends a hearty and fraternal greeting with best wishes for your prosperity. W. CATLETT, *Grand Chancellor.*

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT 26.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 31 1-2.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee find that the headings of Chapters of the Grand Statutes offered in their opinion a sufficient index.

2nd. That the Grand Lodge can instruct any of its standing committees to whom any amendments may have been referred and not reported upon to report same with their recommendations at its next regular session.

They, therefore, report adversely on Document No. 26.

J. G. HALL,
C. W. LAMBETH,
E. G. PARMELEE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Brother J. W. Byers, for the Committee on State of the Order, submitted their report as follows which was adopted.

Document No. 32.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following in relation to the state and progress of the Order during the past fiscal year. Pursuant to the usual custom, there was prepared and sent out early in May, to each Lodge, blank forms requesting information upon certain facts connected with the Order. In response to these blanks we have received reports from 67 Lodges out of a possibility of 71. The Lodges failing to respond

were numbers 44, 52, 62 and 69. From the reports thus obtained, we have the following data to present:

Upon the first of May, 1896, the Lodge rosters show that there were 3,174 members in this domain. Adding to these figures those of the four Lodges above not reporting, from their reports of December 31, 1896, we find the grand total to be 3,234. During the year there have been accessions from all sources, 580. Of this number 144 were charter members from the eight new Lodges instituted, 94 were by card, and the remainder, regular initiates. Taking the number 3,234 at the beginning of the fiscal year and adding the 580, we have a gross result of 3,814. From this sum we now deduct the transfers 94, and those suspended for the non-payment of dues 148 and other causes, and the deaths which were 35, and we have a net and final membership of 3,547. This does not include the initiates and other accessions during the past month of May, but it does include the Charter lists of the new Lodges up to date.

From the reports we also obtained the information that the annual dues of the respective Lodges vary from two dollars to eight dollars, the average for 65 Lodges being four dollars. In regard to the amount of sick benefits paid for the first week of sickness, we find the average to be $1.77 and for the subsequent three weeks the average payments being $2.66 for the Domain. During the year there have been eleven hundred weeks of sickness for which there has been paid $4,525.00. In this sickness 263 different members have participated and there has been expended in addition to the above benefits the sum of $263.00 for nursing the sick.

Applying these figures to the entire membership of the Domain we find that it has cost one dollar and twenty-eight cents for each member. Applying again the figures to the annual dues we find that 32 per cent. of this has been expended for sick benefits. In other words that it has cost $4.10 per week for each member sick during the year, which is nine cents more than the average dues. As before stated, there have been 35 deaths in the Order for which there have been paid upon an average for each death $43.50. Fourteen Lodges report that they pay a death-benefit upon the death of a Knight's wife—the average benefit, paid for this purpose, being $19.50.

In the matter of the number of widows and orphans in the Domain there are reported to be connected with the various Lodges one hundred and twelve. For the local uses of the Lodges there has accumulated a fund of $1,861.79.

In the matter of the number of the new and defunct Lodges the Grand Chancellor has already reported the necessary details.

With regard to the finances of the Order the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is sufficient without any additional facts from this Committee.

In regard to the subjects referred to the Committee from the Grand Chancellor's Report we are in accord with the opinions expressed on page

5th in regard to solicitations of aid from other Grand Domains. Your Committee has in previous reports placed its condemnation on this method of securing aid from foreign Domains, and now recommends that steps be taken by this Grand Lodge to add it's formal disapproval of the same.

In the matter of defunct Lodges, Nos. 47 and 76, we approve the Grand Chancellor's course in taking up the Charters of these subordinate bodies.

In the matter of the new Lodges instituted during the past term which are as follows: Pittsboro 88, Pineville 89, Red Springs 91, Mecklenburg 90, Graham 92, Greenville 93, Kings Mountain 94 and Rockingham 95. We recommend that charters be granted to each and all of these Lodges and the warrants taken up.

In the matter of the loss by fire of the paraphernalia of Mount Ida Lodge, No. 58, and the paraphernalia of the defunct Lodge Mount Hebron, No. 76, which has been loaned to them by the Grand Chancellor, your Committee would recommend that the said paraphernalia now in their possession as a loan, be donated to them. And that further view of the calamity which has befallen them that a charter be furnished them free of any expense except its actual cost to the Grand Lodge.

In the matter of the subject of counting the rituals at the close of the Lodge, the Grand Chancellor has pointed out that this now is Pythian Statute law and will be enforced as other laws.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Byers, *Chairman*,
Jno. T. Moffitt,
J. S. Burch,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY THOS. D. MEARES.

Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Document No. 33.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina: That the attention of the Grand Chancellor be called to the fact that some of the Subordinate Lodges are charging less than three dollars per annum as dues, in violation of the Grand Statutes.

Thomas D. Meares.

RESOLUTION OF ATHENIA LODGE, No. 8.

Representative Gerock of No. 8, presented the following Document which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Document No. 33 1=2.

CASTLE HALL ATHENIA LODGE, NO. 8, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
NEW BERNE, N. C., JUNE 8TH, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Athenia Lodge, No. 8

BROTHERS:—We, your Committee, appointed to prepare resolutions respecting the "Widows and Orphan's Benefit Tax," beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, the tax, known and styled, "The Widows and Orphans Benefit Tax," levied by the Grand Lodge on Subordinate Lodges, throughout this Grand Domain, is, in our opinion unconstitutional, unjust, unwise and calculated, in its operation, to cause vital harm; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do most heartily protest against the said tax.

Resolved, That our Representative to the Grand Lodge be instructed to enter the protest of this Lodge against the laying of this tax, and to use his best endeavors, to bring about the repeal of the law governing the same.

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to remit the Widows and Orphans Tax assessed against Athenia Lodge, amounting to $36, as its payment would embarrass and seriously cripple the finances of our Lodge, and prove a hindrance to our prosperity.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given our representative, and spread upon the minutes of the Lodge.

Unanimously adopted June 8th, 1897.

J. J. BAXTER,
J. H. SMITH,
G. H. BENDER,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Brother T. S. Franklin, for the Finance Committee, submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 34.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Master of Exchequer and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal up to the time of this meeting, and find the same correct and in good form, and the printed statement of the Grand Master of Exchequer incorporated in the report of the Grand Lodge officers is a true statement of the financial standing of the Grand Lodge on June 4th, 1897, as per books and vouchers submitted to us, except a slight error in printing and addition. We commend the careful and business like method of book-keeping and records used by both of these officers.

In regard to the removal of the Grand Lodge from Durham to Charlotte, which matter was referred to the Committee, we beg to report that we have only considered the same from a financial standpoint, and that from the statements of our Grand Chancellor as to Railroad fares and hotel expenses, we are convinced that the meeting in Charlotte is less expensive than it would have been at Durham.

We recommend the continuance of the allowance of $150 per annum to the Grand Chancellor for clerical assistance.

We recommend that $3 charged to Centre Lodge, No. 3, of Raleigh, in July, 1895, be credited back to said Lodge, the charge evidently being an error.

We recommend that the item of $23 charged against Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, of Wilson, be credited back to said Lodge, as it appears that same was the expense of institution, which should properly have been deducted, but was not for want of proper voucher.

We recommend that the item $1.60 reported as remitted in error by Pittsboro Lodge, No. 88, be returned to them, as being not due to the Grand Lodge.

We respectfully approve document or resolution, No 27, introduced by L. I. Moore of No. 93.

With regard to the resolution from Athenia Lodge, No. 8, asking for repeal of the $36 Widows and Orphans Benefit Tax, and claiming the same as unconstitutional, your committee beg leave to report, if these resolutions be construed as a request for a remittal of the tax, for this Lodge, we can not see our way clear to recommend it, feeling that it would be an awkward, embarrassing and destructive precedent. If it be construed as a protest against the constitutionality of the tax itself, we do not feel that its consideration is in the province of this Committee, and recommend that the same be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

We recommend that Cumberland, No. 5, be granted credit for the $8.25 paid Ex-Keeper of Records and Seal Dudley, when his receipts for this is presented to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

T. S. Franklin,
L. P. McLeod,
S. B. Bunday,
Finance Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT No. 9.

The Judiciary Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 35,

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Judiciary begs to report on Document No. 9, re-

questing the modification or repeal of Sections 176, 177, 178, 179 of the Grand Statutes, that they do not find that the operation of said laws has been inimical to the best interests of the Subordinate Lodges generally, and therefore are compelled to report adversely on the same, but in order to relieve, as far as possible, the Lodges submitting said document from the hardship complained of, beg to offer the following amendments.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Section 177 of the Grand Statutes be amended by adding to the 3d clause of same these words: "Provided, however, that upon a two thirds vote of the membership in good standing, at a regular meeting, any Subordinate Lodge may pay its members, after the first 7 weeks, weekly benefits to the extent of one half of the annual dues, not to exceed in duration 52 weeks from the beginning of the sickness of the member for which benefits are allowed.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

1st. That section 179 of the Grand Statutes be amended by striking out all the words following the word "assessment" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Provided, that any proposition to make such an assessment shall not be acted upon at the same Convention at which made."

2nd. That all Statutes or clauses of Statutes in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

J. G. HALL,
C. W. LAMBETH,
E. G. PARMELEE,
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT No. 11.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 36.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee recognizing the importance of greater familiarity by all Lodge Officers, with the ritualistic work of the Order, would recommend in answer to Document No. 11.

WHEREAS, much is lost to the welfare and growth of the Order by a lack of knowledge and familiarity with the Ritual ceremonies of the Order, in which are inculcated the highest and most important trusts of great principles; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the Domain of North Carolina: That the Grand Chancellor be hereby instructed to prepare an address to

the Subordinate Lodges setting forth the importance of this matter, and urging all Subordinate Lodge Officers to promptly memorize each for their respective positions the Ritual Ceremonies.

Respectfully,

J. G. HALL,
C. W. LAMBETH,
E. G. PARMELEE,
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 37.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee beg to report upon that part of the Grand Chancellor's report entitled "Resignations and Appointments", that same was done in accordance with law.

Upon "Incorporation of the Grand Lodge" they recommend that the action of the Grand Chancellor be approved.

They have reported in another document upon the law on the matter of sick benefits.

J. G. HALL,
C. W. LAMBETH,
E. G. PARMELEE.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT No. 13 1-2.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 38.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee find no proper certificates of Lodge No. 95, that these brethren, T. R. Thompson and W. D. McRae, were chosen as Past Chancellors, hence Document No. 13½ is returned to the Grand Lodge without prejudice.

J. G. HALL,
C. W. LAMBETH,
E. G. PARMELEE,
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following report, which on motion was received, and the Grand Chancellor was asked to request the Grand Tribunal to file an opinion as to the legality of his acts contained therein, and the report was then referred to the Grand Tribunal.

Document No. 39.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee beg to report on that part of the Grand Chancellor's report entitled "Dispensations," that they recommend the approval of all the same except the following:

We find no authority of law authorizing the Grand Chancellor to allow a Lodge to postpone installation of its officers as reported in case of Durham Lodge in two instances.

We do not think the Grand Chancellor is vested with the power to authorize a Subordinate Lodge to change the night upon which it should hold its conventions, this being a matter governed by the by-laws of a Lodge, which cannot be suspended by a dispensation. This refers to permission given to Excelsior Lodge and Charlotte Lodges to change their meeting nights.

We do not think the Grand Chancellor has a right to authorize a Lodge to change its name as in the case of Wilson Lodge.

J. G. Hall,
C. W. Lambeth,
E. G. Parmelee.
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT NO. 10.

The Judiciary Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 40.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee, having considered Document No. 10, asking that Supreme Representatives be instructed to offer an amendment to the Supreme Statutes, changing the law in relation to re-instatement of members for non-payment of dues, be made to conform to the law governing

withdrawal and deposit cards. Would recommend that the same be not adopted.

J. G. Hall,
C. W. Lambeth,
E. G. Parmelee,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Bro. Gerock for the Special Committee on that part of the Grand Chancellor's report with reference to Orphan's Fund, submitted the following report, which was rejected. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the report was rejected, was laid upon the table.

Document No. 42.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report relating to Widows and Orphans Fund, after due consideration and consultation with the Trustees of said fund, beg leave to submit the following as our report; and recommend,

First, That Sections 80 and 81, Chapter XVIII of the Grand Statutes be and are hereby repealed.

Second, In lieu thereof insert the following: That a per capita tax of ten cents per member each semi-annual term be assessed and collected, together with the Grand Lodge dues, and paid over to the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans Fund by warrants signed by the Grand Chancellor, the same shall be known and constituted the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina.

Third, If in consequence of the growth of the Order, the amount so raised shall be deemed either excessive or insufficient, then upon the recommendation of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans Fund and with the consent of the Grand Lodge this assessment may be increased or diminished as may be deemed wise and expedient.

Fourth, That the Trustees of said Widows and Orphans Fund shall be required to furnish a good and sufficient bond in some solvent Security or Trust Co., doing business in the State of North Carolina, for the faithful performance of their duties and that they are required to invest all moneys belonging to said fund so placed in their hands in some good and safe investment so that same may be added to by accruing interest and said Trustees shall be required to furnish to the Grand Lodge an annual statement of all moneys so invested and all interest so accruing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Gerock,
E. A. Ebert,
Wm. Ledbetter,
Committee.

PROPOSITION TO REPEAL THE TEN PER CENT. TAX.

Past Supreme Representative Thos. D. Meares, submitted the following proposition which was referred to the Orphan Committee.

Document No. 43.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

That the words "and 10 per cent. of the Grand Lodge tax, which is hereby appropriated" be stricken out.

THOS. D. MEARES.

HOUR FIXED FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Bro. D. Schenck, Jr., of No. 69, moved that the installation of officers be made a special order for six o'clock p. m., and that no new business be considered at the afternoon session, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY — Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2:30 o'clock. Grand Chancellor Catlett in the chair with a quorum present.

REPORT OF W. J. WOODWARD, COLONEL AND AID DE CAMP.

Col. W. J. Woodward presented the following report as to the condition of the Uniform Rank which was received and spread upon the records.

Document No. 43 1-2.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights Pythias of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

At the time the Convention of the Grand Lodge was held at Asheville last year, Major General J. R. Carnahan, called a meeting of the officers

of the Companies of the Uniform Rank, and the First Battalion of North Carolina was then organized by the election of Capt Thos. D. Meares, of Zeb Vance Company, No. 1, Major, and Major Meares appointed Sir Knight B. S. Davis of Rathbone Company, No. 2, as adjutant. Maj. Meares served until his election as Supreme Master of Exchequer, when he found he could not give the necessary time to the Uniform Rank, and resigned.

The General Commanding then appointed Capt. W. H. Overman of Charles Fisher, Division No. 3, to fill the vacancy and adjutant B. S. Davis, was re-appointed by the Acting Major.

Rathbone Company No. 2, has been instituted since the last Convention, with a membership of thirty-five.

A company at Greensboro is getting in shape and indications are this company will be ready to organize at an early day.

Movements are assuming tangible form for the early organization of a Company at Winston, 28 applicants having already signed the petition.

The old Companies are as numerically strong as they were last year, but interest in some of the companies have somewhat flagged, and the officers at times been very much discouraged, yet by the interest and activity of a few faithful Sir Knights, the future prospects are far more encouraging than could have been expected a few months ago.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Woodward,
Colonel and Aid de Camp.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM RANK.

Col. W. J. Woodward, for the Special Committee on Uniform Rank, presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 44.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Chancellor's report in reference to the Uniform Rank, beg leave to report that we recommend that the various companies of the Uniform Rank of this Grand Domain be invited to assemble at the time and place of the next Convention of the Grand Lodge; and in event that a creditable demonstration be made, the Grand Chaucellor shall make such recommendations as may seem fit and proper for the encouragement of the members of this rank by offering prizes for competitive drills not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

W. J. Woodward,
H. J. Overman,
T. S. Franklin,
Committee.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

Past Chancellor C. A. Hunt, Jr., of No. 71, was reported in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Rank, and he was introduced by the Grand Master at Arms, and the Grand Lodge Rank duly conferred upon him.

UNIFORM RANK NOT ENTITLED TO THE PRIZES.

Col. W. J. Woodward presented the following report which was ordered spread upon the records.

Document No. 44 1-2.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

At your last Convention, held at Asheville in 1896, the sum of $150.00 was ordered to be given in prizes to the Uniform Rank in this Grand Domain.

The requirements and manner of securing, and the distribution of prizes were fully set forth, and as these conditions have not been complied with, the Uniform Rank, therefore, is not entitled to any part of this generous appropriation, and all claim is hereby relinquished.

Fraternally. W. J. WOODWARD,
Colonel and Aid de Camp.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

The Special Committee on that part of the Grand Chancellor's report with reference to "Official Visits," &c., submitted the following report which, on motion was laid on the table.

Document No. 45.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor in reference to "Official Visits" beg leave to report that we most heartily endorse the report of the Grand Chancellor under this head, except that portion of the report referring to District Deputy Grand Chancellors. We do not think that the District Deputy Grand Chancellors have been of very material benefit to the Subordinate

Lodges, and we do recommend that these offices be abolished, and that we create the office of Grand Lecturer, in their stead, and that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be constituted a Grand Lecturer, whose duties it shall be to visit each Lodge in this Grand Domain, at least once a year, and to visit such places as may seem to him proper with a view of working up new Lodges, and that he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge may hereafter direct. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Thornburgh,
A. H. Alderman,
J. H. Wishart,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT RANK.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report relative to the Endowment Rank submitted the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report relative to the "Endowment Rank" beg leave to offer the following report.

It is with much pleasure that we note the continued growth and interest in this important branch of our Order. The report of our State organizer, Brother Geo. H. Royster, shows the following increase during the past year: Number of Sections eight (8). Number of Members ninety-eight (98). Amount of Insurance $163.500.00. Making a grand total for the State: Number of Sections fifty-four (54). Number of Members eight hundred and ninety (890). Amount of Insurance $1,915,500.00. The net gain in membership in the Order in this State last year was 147, whereas the gain in membership in this rank was 98 showing that the Endowment Rank has more than kept paee with the numerical growth of the Order.

While this is very encouraging and show that our members are waking up to the importance of protecting those dependent upon them, yet with the advantage of this cheap and safe Insurance there are only 890 members in the Endowment Rank out of a membership of 3,500 in the State.

We note with regret the typographieal error in the report of the Grand Chancellor in which he is made to say "that there are 50,000 members carrying an endowment of $9,000,000.00. This amount should be $92,519,-500.00 which shows an average amount of endowment per member of nearly $2,000.00.

There has been paid to beneficiaries in this State $173,000.00. A remarkable showing for the small amounts paid by the members.

We earnestly recommend this Insurance to every member of the Order and suggest that each representative urge upon his Lodge the importance of taking advantage of this cheap means of protecting his family in case of death. We are fully satisfied after due investigation that this insurance is absolutely safe and rests upon sound principles of underwriting.

Respectully submitted,

WALKER TAYLOR,
SAMUEL KRAMER,
O. B. EATON,
Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Past Grand Chancellor Gerkin offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Document No. 47.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are eminently due and are hereby tendered our retiring Grand Chancellor Bro. Washington Catlett for the zeal and praiseworthy manner in which he has performed the duties of his arduous position as Grand Chancellor, and for the impartial manner in which he has presided at this session of the Grand Lodge. Be it

Further Resolved, That Brother Past Supreme Representative W. T. Hollowell, in his unanimous election as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has, after his appointment to assume the duties of that responsible position at a time when a true and reliable brother's experience was needed, needs no further thanks from the brethren as their actions speak for themselves and are louder than mere words.

W. H. GERKEN,
Past Grand Chancellor, No. 4.

OPINION OF THE GRAND TRIBUNAL.

The Grand Tribunal filed the following opinion which was ordered spread upon the records.

Document No. 48.

To Washington Catlett, Esq., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

In response to the request of the Grand Chancellor to give our opinion as to the legality of the following acts of the Grand Chancellor, viz:

1st. Was there any law authorizing and empowering the Grand Chancellor to allow a Subordinate Lodge to postpone the installation of its officers?

2nd. Was the Grand Chancellor vested with the power to authorize a

Subordinate Lodge to change the night upon which it should hold its meetings or conventions?

3rd. Was the Grand Chancellor empowered to authorize a Subordinate Lodge to change its name?

The Tribunal has been unable to find any law or authority empowering the Grand Chancellor to allow a Subordinate Lodge to post-pone the installation of its officers; to change the night of holding its meetings or Conventions or to change its name.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. Robinson, *Chief Tribune,*
C. R. Barker, *Associate Tribune,*
M. A. Allen, *Associate Tribune.*

REPORT OF GRAND TRIBUNAL.

The Grand Tribunal submitted the following which was read and ordered spread upon the records.

Document No. 49.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

We, the Grand Tribunal to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor upon Districts and District Deputy Grand Chancellors, beg leave to report.

That the Grand Tribunal under Chapter 5, Section 107, of the Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina has no jurisdiction of that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report this day referred to it.

Respectfully submitted, M. A. Allen,
For the Tribunal.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE UNWRITTEN WORK.

At the request of Supreme Representatives Cook and Holton, Supreme Master of Exchequer Thos. D. Meares, exemplified the unwritten work.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT No. 34.

The Judiciary Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Representative Gerock of No. 8, gave notice of appeal

to the Grand Tribunal from the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting this report.

Document No. 50.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee beg to report respecting Document No. 34, that they find no law that is contravened by the levying and collecting from Subordinate Lodges the Widows and Orphans benefit tax, and are of the opinion that the same is constitutional, just and wise in the consummation of this exalted purpose. Respectfully,

J. G. Hall,
C. W. Lambeth,
E. G. Parmelee,
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDIDIARY COMMITTEE.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 51.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee would recommend that Mt. Holly Lodge, No. 68, be allowed to change its annual dues from $6.00 to $3.00.

J. G. Hall,
C. W. Lambeth,
E. G. Parmelee,
Committee.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT No. 28.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 52.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Judiciary Committee beg to report upon Document No. 28, that the same be enacted.

J. G. Hall,
C. W. Lambeth,
E. G. Parmelee,
Committee

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee presented the following report which was adopted.

Document No. 53,

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We find the expenses of Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives in attendance upon this Convention to be as follows, and recommend that the amounts be paid:

OFFICERS.

W. H. Gerken, P. G. C., Wilmington	$ 15 45
John Haar, P. G. C., Wilmington	15 45
Thomas D. Meares, P. G. C., Wilmington	11 75
C. D. Benbow, P. G. C., Pine Hurst	6 80
C. A. Webb, P. G. C., Asheville	11 05
W. S. Cook, Sup. Rep., Fayetteville	9 75
C. E. Holton, Sup. Rep., Greensboro	6 10
Washington Catlett, G. C., Wilmington	15 45
R. H. Rickert, G. V. C., Statesville	6 70
P. R. Law, G. P., Lumberton	10 15
John Ward, G. M. E., Raleigh	14 05
W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S., Goldsboro	13 10
D. A. McMillan, G. M. at A., Fayetteville	11 25
R. L. Cooper, G. I. G., Murphy	6 75
E. L. Martin, G. O. G., Charlotte	1 50

GRAND TRIBUNAL.

L. D. Robinson, Chief Tribune, Wadesboro	$ 10 20
C. R. Barker, Associate Tribune, Salisbury	5 95
M. A. Allen, Associate Tribune, Reidsville	8 30

REPRESENTATIVES.

	No.		
James M. McGowan	1	Wilmington	$ 15 45
Walker Taylor	2	Wilmington	18 80
T. P. Sale	3	Raleigh	10 40
J. W. Dulls	4	Wilmington	15 45
N. B. Alexander	5	Fayetteville	9 60
W. T. Harrison	6	Goldsboro	13 10
Edward Gerock	8	New Berne	18 40
H. J. Overman	24	Salisbury	5 95
K. A. Blue	27	Laurinburg	10 15
Samuel Kramer	31	Durham	12 55

	No.		
C. W. Thornburg	32	Asheville	$ 10 60
W. B. Harker	33	Maxton	11 05
William Ledbetter	34	Raleigh	12 90
John H. Wishart	35	Lumberton	11 55
W. J. Adams	36	Gibson	10 00
D. F. Summey, Jr	37	Charlotte	
S. J. Welsh	38	Monroe	4 65
George A. Matton	39	High Point	5 80
R. E. L. Cook	40	Tarboro	15 48
O. B. Eaton	41	Winston	7 60
H. D. Wilson	42	Shelby	7 35
W. H. Griffin	43	Liberty	9 45
Samuel G. Pace	44	Mt. Airy	12 68
C. C. McAlister	45	Asheboro	9 45
J. E. Watts	46	Statesville	6 20
S. G. Findley	48	Lincolnton	7 35
E. S. Sheppe	49	Reidsville	8 30
Charles E. McLean	50	Burlington	8 70
L. D. Coltrane	51	Concord	5 05
S. A. Dorsett	52	Madison	
H. B. Moore	53	Gastonia	5 90
F. B. Ingold	54	Hickory	7 60
H. M. John	55	Rowland	10 70
F. C. Meinung	56	Salem	9 10
M. W. Bell	57	Murphy	17 00
W. W. Nichols	58	Marion	11 10
D. A. McLauchlin	60	Aberdeen	7 80
W. J. Woodward	61	Wilmington	15 40
J. W. Ferguson	62	Waynesville	14 50
J. Ed. Cole	63	Ramseur	16 40
F. B. Gilliam	64	Morganton	10 95
T. N. Hall	65	Mooresville	4 15
Charles B. Woodley	66	Kinston	15 20
T. B. Finley	67	North Wilkesboro	11 30
R. B. Babbington	68	Mt. Holly	4 50
D. Schenck, Jr	69	Greensboro	11 85
Dr. R. Hicks	70	Henrietta	6 70
G. W. Montcastle	71	Lexington	6 95
C. K. Cooke	72	Louisburg	14 50
John C. Rodman	73	Washington	15 95
H. T. Williams	74	Waxhaw	4 75
W. C. Hardison	75	Wadesboro	6 45
A. J. Williams	77	Matthews	3 45

	No.		
N. H Hailey	78	Lenoir	
J. R. Swann	79	Marshall	12 30
A. H. Alderman	80	Greensboro	7 50
Thomas A. Hatchcock	81	Norwood	7 85
G. K. Moore	82	Forest City	7 20
George A. Page	83	Charlotte	
J. C. Braswell	84	Rocky Mount	12 40
Henry P. Strauss	85	Henderson	13 60
E. T. Kapp	86	Bethania	8 85
B. W. Hargrave	87	Wilson	14 10
H. A. London, Jr	88	Pittsboro	13 40
W. B. Devlin	89	Pineville	4 00
T. A. Sikes	90	Charlotte	1 00
J. L. McMillan	91	Red Springs	9 80
J. L. Scott, Jr	92	Graham	8 25
Larry I. Moore	93	Greenville	18 30
C. E. Falls	94	Kings Mountain	5 55
B. W. Whiting	95	Rockingham	6 60

JUDICIARY.

	No.		
J. G. Hall	54		$ 8 70
C. W. Lambeth	3		11 90
E. G. Parmelee	2		18 80

FINANCE.

	No.		
T. S. Franklin	37		
L. P. McLeod	32		$ 10 30
S. B. Bundy	38		3 40
J. H. Hoffman	46		6 70

STATE OF THE ORDER.

	No.		
J. W. Byers	90		$ 1 50
J. T. Moffit	45		9 45
J. S. Burch	31		15 45

WIIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

	No.		
P. R. Law	35		
E. A. Ebert	41		$ 10 15
J. J. Thornton	80		8 25

CREDENTIALS.

	No		
F. L. Bundy	27		$ 10 15
G. B. Sellars	33		11 05
C. K. Cooke	72		

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

	No.	
W. W. Willson	3	$ 14 55
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AND THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS.

L. D. Robinson, Postage, &c	$ 2 87
M. A. Allen, Visit—Greensboro	2 90
F. L. Bundy, Visit—Gibson	3 25
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Postage and Stationery	8 75
Nash Bros., Printing	8 65
C. R. Barker, Visit to Greensboro	3 00
Janitor	3 00
Total	$1029 43

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. FRANKLIN,
L. P. McLEOD,
J. H. HOFFMAN.
Finance Committee.

RDSOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE PYTHIANS AND CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE.

Past Grand Chancellor Ebert offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote.

Document No. 54.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of North Carolina: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and hereby tendered to the Pythians of Charlotte, and to the citizens generally, for their kindly reception, unbounded hospitality, and universal kindness to this grand body during the present session, and that we assure them that we most sincerely appreciate the same. E. A. EBERT.

DOCUMENTS TO BE FURNISHED THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND GRAND TRIBUNAL.

On motion the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to furnish each member of the Judiciary Committee and Grand Tribunal with a copy of the Supreme and Grand Statutes and decisions of the Supreme Tribunal.

VOTE OF THANKS TO PAST CHANCELLOR W. W. WILLSON.

Representative Summey of No. 37, moved that a vote of thanks, be tendered to Past Chancellor W. W. Willson, of Centre, No. 3, for his valuable assistance to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, during the session, and for his assistance to the Grand Chancellor during the year, he being at all times ready and willing to aid in the work of extending the Order in this Grand Domain.

This motion was unanimously adopted.

SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion a special vote of thanks was tendered Bros. Thos. S. Franklin and D. F. Summey, Jr., for their kindness and untiring zeal in the entertainment of the members of this Grand Lodge.

RESIGNATION OF GRAND MASTER AT ARMS, COOPER.

Grand Master at Arms elect, Cooper, tendered his resignation which was accepted.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER AT ARMS.

A vacancy having occurred in the office of Grand Master at Arms, by the resignation of Bro. Cooper, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election to fill the vacancy. The following were placed in nomination: R. E. L. Cook, of 40, F. L. Bundy, of 27, H. J. Overman, of 24, and J. W. Ferguson, of 62. Bro. Ferguson asked that his name be withdrawn which was done, and a ballot being taken resulted in the election of Bro. F. L. Bundy by the following vote: Bundy 32, Cook 11, Overman 13, Ferguson 1. And Bro. Bundy was declared duly elected Grand Master at Arms.

Bro. Bundy was called upon, and responded in a very happy style.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Grand Chancellor, E. A. Ebert, installed in Ritualistic form the following Grand Lodge officers:

WASHINGTON CATLETT	Past Grand Chancellor.
R. H. RICKERT	Grand Chancellor.
THOS. S. FRANKLIN	Grand Vice Chancellor.
D. A. MCMILLAN	Grand Prelate.
JOHN WARD	Grand Master of Exchequer.
W. T. HOLLOWELL	Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
F. L. BUNDY	Grand Master at Arms.
S. J. WELSH	Grand Inner Guard.
J. L. SCOTT	Grand Outer Guard.

M. A. ALLEN NOMINATED FOR GRAND TRIBUNE.

The Grand Chancellor nominated Past Chancellor M. A. Allen of No. 49 as Grand Tribune to succeed himself, and his nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Grand Chancellor Rickert appointed the following standing Committees:

GRAND TRIBUNAL.

L. D. ROBINSON of No. 75, Chief Tribune.
C. R. BARKER of No. 24, Associate Tribune.
M. A. ALLEN of No. 49, Associate Tribune.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

J. G. HALL of No. 54.
E. G. PARMELEE of No. 2.
A. H. ALDERMAN, of No. 80.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

L. P. MCLEOD of No. 32.
W. W. WILLSON of No. 3.
J. H. HOFFMAN of No. 46.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

J. W. Byers of No. 90.
J. T. Moffitt of No. 45.
J. S. Burch of No. 31.

ORPHANS.

Rev. P. R. Law of No. 35.
T. N. Hall of No. 65.
G. W. Montcastle of No 71.

CREDENTIALS.

R. E. L. Cook of No. 40.
H. A. London, Jr., of No. 88.
E. W. Smith of No 84.

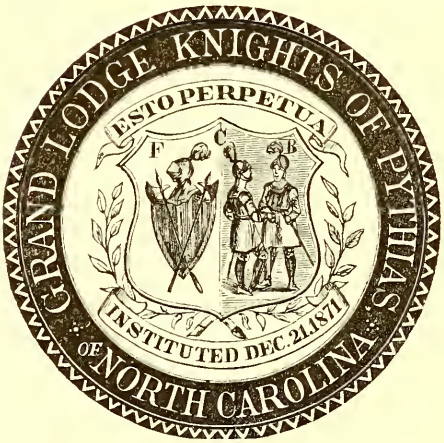
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

H. M. Day of No. 83.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION CLOSED.

The business of the Convention, having been completed, the Grand Prelate invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Lodge was closed in Ritualistic form, to meet in the city of Wilmington on the second Tuesday in June 1898, at 8 o'clock p. m.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.

AMENDMENTS.

The following Amendments were offered and adopted at the Convention of the Grand Lodge Session June 1897.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Title III, Chapter XII of the Grand Statutes be amended by repealing Section 195, and substituting in place thereof the following chapter:

CHAPTER XII.

CONSOLIDATION.

When two or more Subordinate Lodges in this Domain desire to consolidate in accordance with Section 319 of the Supreme Statutes, a joint committee composed of one or more members of each of such Lodges shall prepare and submit to each of said Lodges, for ratification, articles of consolidation; said articles to contain the following information: (1.) The proposition submitted to, and approved by, each of said Lodges. (2.) The name and number, which shall be the number of one of said Lodges of said consolidated Lodge. (3.) A list of the names of all the members of the proposed consolidated Lodge. (4.) The names of the officers chosen for said consolidated Lodge. Said articles shall be presented in writing in duplicate and signed by all members of said joint committee, and when ratified by the said Lodges shall be certified under seal by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal of each of said Lodges and forwarded to the Grand Chancellor for his approval. If approved by the Grand Chancellor, he shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to notify in writing each of said Lodges that an order for the proposed consolidation will issue as prayed for in said articles, upon the surrender of rituals and officers' jewels, except one set of each, which shall become the property of said consolidated Lodge; and if consolidated under the charter of one of said Lodges, the charter and seal of the other Lodge or Lodges shall be surrendered to the Grand Chancellor upon his approval of said articles of consolidation. And in the event of the consolidation as aforesaid under neither of the old charters, then all of the charters and seals of the said Lodges shall be surrendered to the Grand Chancellor as aforesaid, and a new charter shall be issued at once.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Title III, Chapter III of the Grand Statutes be amended by repealing Section 141, and changing Section 139 so as to read:

"Section 139. At the first regular Convention in the months of June and December in each year the following officers shall be elected to serve for a term of six months, commencing from the first of the month next respectively ensuing: Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Work, Master at Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard."

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Section 177 of the Grand Statutes be amended by adding to the 3rd clause of same these words: "Provided, however, that upon a two thirds vote of the membership in good standing, at a regular meeting, any Subordinate Lodge may pay its members, after the first seven weeks, weekly benefits to the extent of one half of the annual dues, not to exceed in duration fifty-two weeks from the beginning of the sickness of the member for which benefits are allowed.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

1st. That Section 179 of the Grand Statutes be amended by striking out all the words following the word "assessment" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Provided, that any proposition to make such an assessment shall not be acted upon at the same Convention at which made."

2nd. That all Statutes or clauses of Statutes in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Districts of the Grand Domain of North Carolina

With the Lodges, and the District Deputy Grand Chancellors in Charge.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Iredell Meares, D. D. G. C., Clarendon, No. 2, Wilmington.

Stonewall, No. 1, Wilmington.
Clarendon, No. 2, Wilmington.
Germania, No. 4, Wilmington.
Jefferson, No. 61, Wilmington
Gibson, No. 36, Gibson.
Lumberton, No. 35, Lumberton.
Maxton, No. 33, Maxton.
Scotland, No. 27, Laurinburg.
Rowland, No. 55, Rowland.
Wadesboro, No. 75, Wadesboro.
Red Springs, No. 91, Red Springs.
Rockingham, No. 95, Rockingham.

DISTRICT No. 2.

W. H. Griffin, D. D. G. C., Rocky Mount, No. 84, Rocky Mount.

Ruffin, No. 6, Goldsboro.
Rocky Mount, No. 84, Rocky Mount.
Welcome, No. 40, Tarboro.
Kinston, No. 66, Kinston.
Athenia, No. 8, Newbern.
Pamlico, No. 73, Washington.
Contentnea, No. 87, Wilson.
Cumberland, No 5, Fayetteville.
Tar River, No. 93, Greenville.

DISTRICT No. 3.

W. W. Willson, D. D. G. C., Centre, No. 3, Raleigh.

Centre, No. 3, Raleigh.
Phalanx, No. 34, Raleigh.
Durham, No. 31, Durham
Burlington, No. 50, Burlington.
Henderson, No. 85, Henderson.
Pittsboro, No. 88, Pittsboro.
Graham, No. 92, Graham.
Aberdeen, No. 60, Aberdeen.
Excelsior, No. 72, Louisburg.

DISTRICT No. 4.

W. C Crist, D. D. G. C., Salem, No. 56, Salem.

Guilford, No. 69, Greensboro.
Greensboro, No 80, Greensboro.
High Point, No 39, High Point.
Damon, No. 41, Winston.
Blue Ridge, No. 44, Mount Airy.
Ashboro, No. 45, Ashboro.
Reidsville, No. 49, Reidsville.
Piedmont, No. 96, Elkin.
Liberty, No. 43, Liberty.
Salem, No 56, Salem.
Ramseur, No. 63, Ramseur.
N. Wilkesboro, No. 67, North W.
Lexington, No. 71, Lexington.
Madison, No. 52, Madison.
Bethania, No. 86, Bethania.

District No. 5.

D. F. Summey, Jr., D. D. G. C., Rathbone, No. 37, Charlotte.

Charlotte, No. 83, Charlotte.
Rathbone, No. 37, Charlotte.
Mecklenburg, No. 90, Charlotte.
Pineville, No 89, Pineville.
Salisbury, No. 24, Salisbury.
Monroe, No. 38, Monroe.
Shelby, No. 42, Shelby.
Statesville, No. 46, Statesville.
Lincolnton, No. 48 Lincolnton.
Norwood, No. 81, Norwood.
Concord, No. 51, Concord.
Gastonia, No. 53, Gastonia.
Zeb Vance, No. 65, Mooresville.
Mount Holly, No. 68, Mount Holly.
Henrietta, No. 70, Henrietta.
Waxhaw, No. 74, Waxhaw.
Matthews, No. 77, Matthews.
Forest City, No. 82, Forest City.
King's Mountain No. 94, Kings Mtn.

District No 6.

C. W Thornburg, D. D. G. C., Pisgah, No. 32, Asheville.

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Catawba, No. 54, Hickory.
Balsam, No. 62, Waynesville.
Burke, No. 64, Morganton.
Hiawassee, No, 57, Murphy.
Mount Ida, No. 58, Marion
River Side, No. 79, Marshal
Caldwell, No. 78, Lenoir.

LIST OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS

APPOINTED BY GRAND CHANCELLOR R. H. RICKERT.

LODGE.	NUMBER	RESIDENCE.	DEPUTY GRAND CHAHCELLOR.
Stonewall	1	Wilmington	C. D. Yarborough
Clarendon	2	Wilmington	J. T. King
Centre	3	Raleigh	W. H. Martin
Germania	4	Wilmington	John Haar
Cumberland	5	Fayetteville	N. B. Alexander
Ruffin	6	Goldsboro	J. J. Robinson
Athenia	8	New Berne	E. Gerock
Salisbury	24	Salisbury	T. B. Brown
Scotland	27	Laurinburg	F. L Bundy
Durham	31	Durham	P. W. Vaughn
Pisgah	32	Asheville	T. W. Branch
Maxton	33	Maxton	G B. Sellers
Phalanx	34	Raleigh	F. P Ward
Lumberton	35	Lumberton	A. W. McLean
Gibson	36	Gibson	W. J. Adams
Rathbone	37	Charlotte	E L. Martin
Monroe	38	Monroe	Dr. J. W. Stevenson
High Point	39	High Point	A. S. Ellison
Welcome	40	Tarboro	R. E. L. Cook
Damon	41	Winston	J. H. Foote
Shelby	42	Shelby	H. D. Wilson
Liberty	43	Liberty	D M. Holladay
Blue Ridge	44	Mount Airy	W. F Carter
Ashboro	45	Ashboro	W. P. Wood
Statesville	46	Statesville	J. H Hoffmann
Lincolnton	48	Lincolnton	C. E. Childs
Reidsville	49	Reidsville	P. H. Williamson
Burlington	50	Burlington	C. E McLean
Concord	51	Concord	L D Coltrane
Madison	52	Madison	G. W. Martin
Gastonia	53	Gastonia	Dr. J. M. Sloan
Catawba	54	Hickory	Rev. J. L. Murphy
Rowland	55	Rowland	E. C. McNeill
Salem	56	Salem	F. C. Meinung
Hiawassee	57	Murphy	M. W. Bell
Mount Ida	58	Marion	B. B. Price

LODGE.	NUMBER	RESIDENCE.	DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR
Aberdeen	60	Aberdeen	J. McN. Johnson
Jefferson	61	Wilmington	H E. Bonitz
Balsam	62	Waynesville	D. Way
Ramseur	63	Ramseur	Dr. C. S Tate
Burke	64	Morganton	F. P Gillam
Zeb Vance	65	Mooresville	J. R McLelland
Kinston	66	Kinston	Dr. C. B. Woodley
North Wilkesboro	67	North Wilkesboro	T. B. Fluiey
Mount Holly	68	Mount Holly	R. B. Babington
Guilford	69	Greensboro	W. E. Schenck
Henrietta	70	Henrietta	J. P. Davis
Lexington	71	Lexington	Dr. E J. Buchanan
Excelsior	72	Louisburg	Dr. J. E Malone
Pamlico	73	Washington	Dr. J C Rodman
Waxhaw	74	Waxhaw	C. S Massey
Wadesboro	75	Wadesboro	J W. Hatchcock
Matthews	77	Matthews	Rev. R. C. Morrison
Caldwell	78	Lenoir	M. E. Shell
River Side	79	Marshall	F. B. Lawson
Greensboro	80	Greensboro	A. H. Alderman
Norwood	81	Norwood	M. L. Barnhardt
Forest City	82	Forest City	L. M. Fortune
Charlotte	83	Charlotte	Frank R. McNinch
Rocky Mount	84	Rocky Mount	E. W. Smith
Henderson	85	Henderson	H. P. Strauss
Bethania	86	Bethania	E. T. Kapp
Contentnea	87	Wilson	B. W. Hargrave
Pittsboro	88	Pittsboro	Dr. H. T. Chapin
Pineville	89	Pineville	W. K. Reid
Mecklenburg	90	Charlottee	T. A. Sikes
Red Springs	91	Red Springs	Dr. J. L. McMillan
Graham	92	Graham	Henry W. Scott
Tar River	93	Greenville	C. O. H. Laughinghouse
King's Mountain	94	Kings Mountain	C. E. Neisler
Rockingham	95	Rockingham	John L. Everett
Piedmont	96	Elkin	J. S. Bell

IN
MEMORIAM.

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

PAST CHANCELLOR

ALEX ADRIAN,

Germania Lodge, No. 4, Wilmington, N. C.

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J. H. MONYHAN,

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Roster of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

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Fayetteville, N. C.

JOHN WARD .....No. 34 .....Grand Master of Exchequer
Raleigh, N. C.

W. T. HOLLOWELL, ...No. 6, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,
Goldsboro, N. C.

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Graham, N. C.

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C. A. WEBB..... No. 32 .....Asheville

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C. R. BARKER.....Associate Tribune, No. 24.....Salisbury
M. A. ALLEN.....Associate Tribune, No. 49.....Reidsville
JNO. D. LEAK .....Recorder, No. 75.....Wadesboro

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W. C. Troy	No. 5	Fayetteville
John Haar	No. 4	Wilmington
W. T. Hollowell	No 6	Goldsboro
Nathan O'Berry	No. 6	Goldsboro
Thos. D. Meares	No. 1	Wilmington
John Sherwood	No. 34	Raleigh
W. S. Cook	No. 5	Fayetteville
C. D. Benbow	No. 80	Greensboro
E. A. Ebert	No. 41	Winston
C. E. Holton	No. 80	Greensboro
C. A. Webb	No 32	Asheville
Washington Catlett	No. 2	Wilmington

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J. G. Hall	No. 54	Hickory
E. G. Parmelee	No. 2	Wilmington
A. H. Alderman	No. 80	Greensboro

FINANCE.

L P. McLeod	No. 32	Asheville
W. W Willson	No. 3	Raleigh
J. H. Hoffman	No. 46	Statesville

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J. W. Byers	No. 90	Charlotte
J. T. Moffitt	No. 45	Asheboro
J. S. Burch	No 31	Durham

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R. E. L. Cook	No. 40	Tarboro
H. A. London, Jr	No. 88	Pittsboro
E. W. Smith	No. 84	Rocky Mount

ORPHANS.

Rev. P. R. Law	No. 35	Lumberton
T. N. Hall	No. 65	Mooresville
G. W. Montcastle	No. 71	Lexington

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

H. M. Day	No. 83	Charlotte

ROSTER OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

JULY 1, 1897.

STONEWALL LODGE, No. 1—WILMINGTON.

OEFICERS.

H. Cronenberg	M. of W	H. J. Beirman	M. of E
W. C. Smith	C. C	D. F. Barnes	M. of F
Jno. R. Turrentine, Jr	V. C	Geo. A. Peterson	M. at A
M. S. Willard	Prelate	E. H. Batson	I. G
W. F. Robertson	K. of R. and S	J. M. Holmes	O. G

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Thomas D. Meares.

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Lucas, W. J. Love, Ambrose Lovinier, R. R. Love, T. D. Love, B. A. McClammy, A. P. McDonald, J. R. Mahoney, W. C. Munds, Thomas McMillan, W H. Mills, J. F. Maunder, E. V. McKenzie, W. H. McEachern, M. M. Parker, J. F. Post, Jr., E G. Polley, Eben Piner, Samuel Powell, J T. Riley, Charles Rockell, Robert Robbins, C. S. Servoss, F. T. Skipper, H. G. Smallbones, H. D. Stanland, C. H. Schulken, Joseph Silva, James D. Smith, E. L. Spencer, W. R. Smith, D. E. Savage, John S. Sellars, R. W. Smith, Sol. Sternberger, W. F. Stokes, J B. J. Sandlin, J. M. Solky, W. A. Spencer, R. C. Schulze B. H. Scott, C. W. Stewart, J. M. Walker. J. E. Wilkinson, T. J. G. White, A. M. Wilson, Louis Waxsmith, Geo. P. Welch, J. M. Woolard. H. H. Waxman, G. W. Watters, D. I. Watson, W. S. Wishart, T. G Williams, W. C. Wishart, Louis Weil, C. W. Woodward, E. W. Wishart, D. C. Whitted, J. O. Wiggs, A. P. Yopp.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 2—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

W. P. Oldham	M. of W	D. D. Nutt	M. of E
M. C. S. Noble	C. C	H W. Collins	M. of F
W. A. Willson, Jr	V. C	D. P. Quelch	M. at A
L. L. Pritchard	Prelate	W G. Sales	I. G
W. G. Farmer	K. of R. and S	H. H. Watters	O. G

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Washington Catlett.

PAST CHANCELLORS.

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KNIGHTS.

E. H. Adkins, L J. Austern, J. S. Bissett, R E L. Brown, J. A. Brown, T. S. Burbanks, C E. Borden, J S. Burnett. J. E. Bissett, C. R. Branch, E. Borden, George T. Bland, R. M. Capps, J. J. Clemmons, W. J. Clemmons, C C Covington, G W. M. Collins, Sam Carmon, J. W. Fleet, W. F. Furplus, H. L. Fennell, J M. Foreman, W. H. Gilbert, Reuben Grant, Thos. A Hodges, G. F. Horne, J W. Harper, W. N. Harris, W. M. Howey, W C. Jones, J. T. Jacobs, J T. Kerr, Geo. S LeGrand, C. J. Miller, W. W Miller, E W. Manning, Jr, T. M. Morse, W. J. Mor-

riss, H. O. McArthur, Martin Newman, J. R. Nelson, J. A. Nixon, W. H. Northrop, Jr., W. T. Pettway, J. T. Primrose, E S. Pigford, L L. Pritchard, J. D. Price, E. B Pleasants, J. P. Quelch, A. W. Rivenbark, F. H. Russell, W. E Springer, C. G. Southerland, D. D. Southerland, Abram Shiver, S. A. Swain, Geo. Sloan, W. G. Sales, J. C. Springer, Jas. Smith, J. W. Shealy, R. H. Sikes, B. O. Stone, H L. Vollers, R. F. Warren, J. E. Willson, A Y. Willson, W. A. Willson, Jr , H. H. Watters, W. G. Whitehad, Wm. Weeks, J. A. Wellons, E D Warren.

CENTRE LODGE, No 3—Raleigh

OFFICERS:

C. H. Beine	M. of W	J. L. Foster	M. of E
C. P. Snuggs	C. C	T P. Sale	M. of F
David Levine	V. C	R. P. Dixon	M at A
E. T. Hall	Prelate	J M. Kohn	I. G
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Tne Annual Report of the Grand Tribunal of the Grand Domain of North Carolina.

The following are the decisions of the Grand Tribunal for the year ending June 30th, 1897.

W. C. HOLLAND, vs CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 5, K. OF P.

Call meeting of Grand Tribunal of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, K. of P., held at Greensboro, N. C., February 23rd, 1897.

This was an appeal from the ruling of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, K. of P., at a regular convention of said Lodge held Tuesday night, January 12th, 1897. At the meeting of said Lodge as aforesaid, Bro. W. C. Holland entered his written protest against the installation of Bros. R. F. Amos as inner guard, and R. W. Powers as outer guard of said Lodge for the ensuing term, upon the ground that their appoinlment by the Chaucellor Commander of said Lodge was illegal and void. The Chancellor Commander sustained the protest of Bro. W. C. Holland and declared the office of inner and outer guard of said Lodge vacant. From this decision Bro. W. S. Cook appealed to the Lodge and the Lodge over-ruled the Chancellor Commander, from which ruling Bro. W. C. Holland appealed to the Grand Tribunal.

No counsel for appellant.

No counsel for appellee.

ROBINSON, C. T.

The question presented upon this appeal, as we understand it, is whether or not the inner and outer guard of a subordinate Lodge are elective or appointive officers. The inner and outer guard in the case on appeal were appointed by the Chancellor Commander under the authority given by sec. 141 chap. III, Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina which reads as follows, *to-wit:* Upon the night of his election, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint the inner and outer guard to serve for six months from the first of the month next ensuing. This section of the Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina is not in conformity with the Supreme Constitution which says, "that the Ritualistic officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as designated In the Subordinate Lodge Ritual. They shall be nominated, elected and installed, and vacancies in office shall be filled as provided by Supreme law. The terms of such officers shall

continue for twelve months from January 1st, in each year, or until their successors are elected and installed; Provided, that in Domains in which Grand Lodges so enact, such terms shall continue for six months from January 1st and July 1st in each year." See art. XI., sec. 2, Supreme Constitution.

Chapter XI. sec. 232, Supreme Statutes, says: "The words 'office' and 'officer' as used in this chapter shall apply to such offices and officers as are designated in the ritual for Subordinate Lodges and to no other." The inner and outer guard of Subordinate Lodges are recognized by the Subordinate Lodge ritual as ritualistic officers.

The rituals of the Order as to matters therein contained shall be the paramount law of the Order according to sec. 3, art. XIV. of the Supreme Constitution.

We are therefore of the opinion and it is adjudged by the Tribunal that the section 141, chapter III, Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina is not in conformity with the Supreme Constitution and Supreme Statutes of the Order, and is, according to section 11, article X, Supreme Constitution, null and void; that the inner and outer guard of Subordinate Lodges are elective officers, and that Cumberland Lodge No. 5, K of P. erred in over ruling the Chancellor Commander of said Lodge when he declared the office of inner and outer guard of said Lodge vacant.

Let this opinion be certified to by the reporter of this Tribunal and sent to Cumberland Lodge No. 5, K. of P., to the end that it may proceed to the election of an inner and outer guard for said Lodge, as provided by section 238, chapter II, Supreme Statutes.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the opinion rendered by the Grand Tribunal of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, Knights of Pythias, in the above entitled case at a meeting of said Tribunal at Greensboro, N. C , February 23rd, 1897.

M. A. ALLEN,
Reporter of Grand Tribunal.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Tribunal was held in Charlotte, N. C., June 16-18, 1897.

The following decisions were made on questions referred to the Grand Tribunal for its opinion.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina Knights of Pythias:

We, the Grand Tribunal to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor, upon Districts and District Deputy Grand Chancellors, beg leave to report:

That the Grand Tribunal under Chapter V. Sec. 107 of the Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, has no jurisdiction of that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report this day referred to it

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. ALLEN, *Reporter.*

To Washington Catlett, Esq., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of North Carolina Knights of Pythias.

In response to the request of the Grand Chancellor to give our opinion as to the legality of the following acts of the Grand Chancellor, viz:

1st. Was there any law authorizing and empowering the Grand Chancellor to allow a Subordinate Lodge to postpone the installation of its officers?

2nd Was the Grand Chancellor vested with the power to authorize a Subordinate Lodge to change the night upon which it should hold its meetings or conventions?

3rd. Was the Grand Chancellor empowered to authorize a Subordinate Lodge to change its name?

The Grand Tribunal has been unable to find any law or authority empowering the Grand Chancellor to allow a Subordinate Lodge to postpone the installation of its officers, to change the night of holding its meetings or conventions, or to change its name.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. ALLEN, *Reporter.*

APPENDIX A.

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Officers and Brothers:

The time has arrived for me to relinquish the honor you kindly bestowed upon me, and to return the authority with which I was invested, and give an account of my stewardship.

The labor has been great in directing the affairs of a growing Order, but I have always applied myself with willing heart and hand, and I trust you will say with good judgment.

One thought has been my guide, to advance our Order, and to spread its grand and ennobling principles.

It is with pleasure I report to you a steady increase in numbers, interest, and healthful influence throughout the Domain.

DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

In accordance with your directions I divided the Domain into six Districts, placing Lodges according to ease of access.

The District Deputy Grand Chancellor is a very important officer. He may greatly relieve the labors of the Grand Chancellor, save much expense, and do very effective work for the advancement of the Order.

With a meagre knowledge of the opportunities and capabilities which each appointee possessed I made my appointments, I think, with success. Most of the District Deputy Grand Chancellors have done excellent work. I think when the requirements and responsibilities of the office are thoroughly understood we shall find in these officers an adjunct to the work of the Grand Chancellor which will solve the question of the need of a Grand Lecturer.

The District Deputy Grand Chancellor, having around him his circuit of Lodges, will visit them, encourage them, and extend his influence individually, also address them when necessary, and through his Lodges add new Lodges.

Being near at hand he can better estimate the value of applications for new Lodges, and save the disappointment resulting from an early death of Lodges too weak to grow.

Many other possibilities belong to this office which the intelligent and enthusiastic Pythian will readily grasp.

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Germania, No. 4	Wilmington	Rowland, No. 55	Rowland
Jefferson, No. 61	Wilmington	Wadesboro, No. 75	Wadesboro
Gibson, No. 36	Gibson	Red Springs, No. 91	Red Springs
Lumberton, No. 35	Lumberton	Rockingham, No. 95	Rockingham

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Rocky Mount, No. 84	Rocky Mount	Pamlico, No. 73	Washington
Queen City, No. 47	Rocky Mount	Contentnea, No. 87	Wilson
Welcome, No. 40	Tarboro	Cumberland, No. 5	Fayetteville
Kinston, No. 66	Kinston	Tar River, No. 93	Greenville

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Phalanx, No. 34	Raleigh	Graham, No. 92	Graham
Durham, No. 31	Durham	Aberdeen, No. 60	Aberdeen
Burlington, No. 50	Burlington	Excelsior, No. 72	Louisburg
Henderson, No. 85	Henderson		

District No. 4.

George S. Bradshaw, D. D. G. C., Ashboro, No. 45.

Guilford, No. 69	Greensboro	Liberty, No. 43	Liberty
Greensboro, No. 80	Greensboro	Salem, No. 56	Salem
High Point, No. 39	High Point	Ramseur, No. 63	Ramseur
Damon, No. 41	Winston	N. Wilkesboro, No. 67	N. Wilkesboro
Blue Ridge, No. 44	Mount Airy	Lexington, No. 71	Lexington
Ashboro, No. 45	Ashboro	Norwood, No. 81	Norwood
Reidsville, No. 49	Reidsville	Bethania, No. 86	Bethania

District No. 5.

J. H. Hoffman, D. D. G. C., Statesville, No. 46.

Charlotte, No. 83	Charlotte	Concord, No. 51	Concord
Rathbone, No. 37	Charlotte	Gastonia, No. 53	Gastonia

Mecklenburg, No. 90.....Charlotte
Pineville, No. 89.....Pineville
Salisbury, No. 24.....Salisbury
Monroe, No. 38..... .....Monroe
Shelby, No. 42.....Shelby
Statesville, No. 46.....Statesville
Lincolnton, No. 48.....Lincolnton
Zeb Vance, No. 65.....Mooresville
Mount Holly, No. 68..Mount Holly
Henrietta, No. 70.....Henrietta
Waxhaw, No. 74.....Waxhaw
Matthews, No. 77.....Matthews
Forest City, No. 82.... Forest City
Kings Mountain, No. 94..Kings Mt.

DISTRICT No. 6.

A. WEBB, D. D. G. C., PISGAH, No. 32.

Pisgah, No. 32.....Asheville
Madison, No. 52.....Madison
Catawba, No. 54.....Hickory
Balsam, No. 62.....Waynesville
Burke, No. 64.....Morganton
Mt. Hebron, No. 76, Hendersonville
Hiawassee, No. 57,.....Murphy
Mount Ida, No. 58.....Marion
Riverside, No. 79.....Marshall
Caldwell, No. 78.....Lenoir

DISPENSATIONS.

The following Dispensations and permissions have been granted:

June 18, 1896, Lincolnton Lodge, No. 48, was granted dispensation to hold semi-monthly meetings.

June 24, Salisbury Lodge, No. 24, to confer three ranks at one convention on Mr. H. Slates.

June 29, Durham Lodge, No. 31, was allowed to postpone installation of officers two weeks that a public installation might be held.

July 1, B. A. Wilkie of Pisgah, No. 32, was granted special commission to install officers of the Lodge.

July 8, granted dispensation to Charlotte Lodge, No. 83, to confer rank of Esquire and Knight at one convention upon page P. L. Powell.

July 13, granted permission to Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, to make "four per capita assessments of 50 cents each on its members for the purpose of assisting any brother who is in permanent bad health; only one assessment is to be levied each quarter, and not then unless needed, and to be applied only to the relief of such cases as referred to above."

August 13, dispensation to Guilford Lodge, No. 69, to confer at one convention three ranks upon P. P. Yates.

August 13, dispensation to Salisbury Lodge, No. 24, to hold conventions every other Tuesday night from this date until October 1.

September 22, dispensation was granted Clarendon Lodge, No. 2, to confer three ranks upon W. J. Morriss at one meeting.

September 22, dispensation to Waynesville Lodge, No. 62, to confer two ranks at one convention upon page H. G. Robertson.

October 12, dispensation to Matthews Lodge, No. 77, to confer three ranks at one convention upon Dr. H. C. Henderson.

October 12-22, dispensation granted Reidsville Lodge, No. 49, to admit Rev. F. A. Fetter to membership, being 57 years old.

Permission was granted Mr. John F. Mitchell of this Grand Domain to join Joel A. Battle Lodge, No. 84, of Nashville, Tenn.

Permission was granted Excelsior Lodge, No. 72, to change meeting night from Tuesday to Monday.

Dispensation was granted Rathbone Lodge, No. 37, to confer three ranks at one session upon C. D. Wilmouth.

Dispensation granted Charlotte Lodge, No. 83, to confer the three ranks at one convention upon L. F. McLean.

Dispensation to Bethania Lodge, No. 86, to confer three ranks at one convention upon J. A. Dull.

Granted permission to Charlotte Lodge, No. 83, to hold its convention on Monday, December 23d, instead of Friday, December 25th.

Granted permission for M. A. McQueen of the Grand Domain of North Carolina to apply for admission into Clio Lodge, No. 33, Grand Domain of South Carolina.

Dispensation to Zeb Vance Lodge, No. 65, to confer three ranks at one convention upon P. A. Stough and T. C. Sherrill.

Permission was granted Durham Lodge, No. 39, to postpone installation that they may have a public installation.

Dispensation was granted Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, to confer two ranks at one convention upon page J. B. Ray.

Dispensation to Catawba Lodge, No. 54, to confer at one convention two ranks upon page R. V. Whitener.

Permission was granted Phœnix Lodge, No. 62, Grand Domain of Virginia to receive application of John R. Sneeden, former resident of this Grand Domain.

Permission was granted Electra Lodge, No. 87, of South Carolina to receive application of Dr. N. G. Moore, living one half mile from line of the two Grand Jurisdictions to unite himself with said Lodge.

Dispensation granted Zeb Vance Lodge, No. 65, to confer three ranks at one convention upon T. Maxwell.

Dispensation granted Pittsboro Lodge, No. 88, to confer two ranks upon page J. M. Leach at one convention.

Permission was granted Henderson Lodge, No. 85, to hold convention on first and third Mondays in each month.

Dispensation was granted Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, to confer two ranks at one meeting upon page E. H. Adams.

Dispensation granted Rathbone Lodge, No. 31, to confer at one convention, three ranks upon G. A. Hanes.

Permission granted to Joseph A. McQueen of Robeson county to make application to Clio Lodge, No. 33, Grand Domain of South Carolina.

Permission was granted Riverside Lodge, No. 79, to hold convention every two weeks instead of weekly.

Dispensation was granted Concord Lodge, No. 51, to admit Prof. P. E. Wright who has a slightly deformed foot.

Dispensation was granted Charlotte Lodge, No. 83, to admit Rev. Dr. Barron, who is 53 years old.

Dispensation was granted Red Springs Lodge, No. 91, to receive application of J. A. McBryde, 57 years of age.

Dispensation was granted Wilson Lodge, No. 87, to change its name to Contentnea Lodge, No. 87.

Permission was granted Statesville Lodge, No. 46, to change time of meeting from weekly to every first and third Tuesday in each month.

SOLICITATION OF AID FROM OTHER GRAND DOMAINS.

I have received several letters and circulars from other Grand Domains, asking permission to solicit aid in our Grand Domain. I have refused several times to grant such permission. I am opposed to the principle of asking such aid except in cases of necessity, and then I know that no Grand Domain will be more responsive to requests than North Carolina. Aid is asked to build castle halls, when often the Lodges solicited are unable to build and to furnish their own halls as necessity requires. It is not Pythianism to ask for such aid. When calamity befalls a Pythian community, when wide spread distress is at hand, then we shall ever be ready to answer every call for aid.

I beg leave to report the following relief which has been extended.

During the early fall a storm swept over Southern Florida causing much distress. I at once wrote the proper authorities offering our assistance. The following letter was the reply:

TAMPA, FLORIDA, OCTOBER 9TH, 1896.

Hon. Washington Catlett, Grand Chancellor, Grand Domain of North Carolina:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your kindly letter was received this morning. I had just issued an appeal for help. Suwannee Lodge, No. 4, of Cedar Key, and Columbia Lodge, No. 35, of Fort White, are in a distressing condition, and any help you can give them from your Domain will be gratefully received. Homes, churches, lodge rooms, crops—everything is gone, and dire want must ensue.

The times that try men's souls is the best opportunity to prove the noblest virtue of our Order.

Remittances had best be made to our Grand Master of Exchequer, George W. Davis, Junior, Jacksonville

With warmest thanks in behalf of our brothers in distress, I am,

Yours fraternally,

WM. WILSON DEHART, *Grand Chancellor.*

I at once issued a circular to our Lodges, and in a short time the sum of $108.97 was raised and forwarded to Grand Master of Exchequer, George W. Davis, Jr., Jacksonville, Florida.

I should be pleased to mention individually the Lodges which contributed this sum, but those who do noble deeds, and especially Pythians, seek not to herald them. Many Lodges failed to respond.

Permission was granted the Grand Domain of South Carolina to solicit aid in this Grand Domain for the widow and children of R. S. Galloway of Iona Lodge, No. 14, at Bishopville, S. C. Brother Galloway was an old and faithful member of the Order. I thought this a worthy case for Fraternal recognition.

MT. IDA LODGE.

Mt. Ida Lodge, No. 58, of our Grand Domain has been visited twice by fire which destroyed their Castle Hall and all that they had; but, Phœnix-like, it sprung from its ashes, thus testifying the sterling worth of the members of the Lodge and the love they bear the Order.

I transferred the paraphanalia of the defunct Lodge, Mt. Hebron, No. 76, to this Lodge, awaiting the action of the Grand Lodge as to what should be charged them for same. I recommend that every consideration be granted them; the Lodge is small, and many stronger Lodges would have succumbed under such difficulties.

Their Charter was burned; I granted them a Warrant free of cost, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. I think a Charter should be given them.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

I regret to state we have lost two Lodges. Mt. Hebron, No. 76, of Hendersonville, surrendered its Charter December 8.

This Lodge never had any strength. I visited it two years ago, shortly after its institution. It was dead then, I could not get a quorum. There are good men in Hendersonville, and I cannot see why they are not alive to the necessity of Pythianism; or why the beauties of our Order do not appeal to their sensibilities.

After doing all in my power and sending District Deputy Grand Chancellor Alex. Webb to see them several times, I saw there was no need for longer delay in asking for their Charter.

Queen City Lodge, No. 47, of Rocky Mount, has been leading a struggling existence for the past two years. Dissension, which saps the vitals of all societies, sprung up Everything was done by my predecessor and myself to save the Lodge. The Charter was received June 28. It is hoped by pruning the dead limbs, the growth of our Order will be increased.

The paraphanalia, jewels, and belongings of this Lodge have been reported to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal who will make due report. Bocky Mount Lodge, No. 84, took some of the jewels, which have been charged to them.

NEW LODGES.

A year in which a political Presidential campaign takes place is not favorable to the spread of Fraternal love. I found it almost impossible to get anything done in the way of advancing the Order until after the elec-

tion. A new life seemed to take possession of our members after the excitement was over; and retiring into the Castle Halls, the turmoil of strife and envy was forgotten, and petitions to unite with our Order were sent in. I feel that this is an evidence of the usefulness and beauty of our Order. When men have been tossed upon the sea of social struggle and political contest, how beneficial and ennobling is the meeting with the Order where Friendship, Charity and Benevolence hold a shield to protect Pythians against the bickerings of the outside world.

The Lodges which have been instituted are composed of the best members of their communities The Clergy are uniting with our Order. I consider this the best evidence of the appreciation of our work.

Pittsboro Lodge, No. 88, was instituted by D. J. McKiethan, of Aberdeen. It has a membership of 16. The Endowment Rank has been introduced and their reports show advancement.

Pineville Lodge, No. 89, was instituted March 26, by Capt. T. S. Franklin of Charlotte, with a membership of 16.

Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 90, was instituted at Charlotte with a membership of 29, March 19, by Captain T. S. Franklin.

Red Springs Lodge, No. 91, was instituted March 19, by A. W. McLean of Lumberton.

Graham Lodge, No. 92, was instituted March 19, by Chas. E. McLean of Burlington.

Greenville Lodge, No. 93, was instituted by W. H. Griffin, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, May 4th.

Kings Mountain Lodge, No. 94, was instituted April 28, by Dr J. M. Sloan of Gastonia, assisted by members from Gastonia Lodge, No. 55, Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, and others. The Charter members were 15.

Rockingham Lodge, No. 95, was instituted May 26, by S B. Bundy of Monroe. This Lodge starts under most flattering circumstances. Many leading citizens of the town have connected themselves with it, and I feel sure we shall have a strong and progressive Lodge of which we may be proud. The Charter list was 22, with others desirous of joining.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Supreme Representative Thos. D. Meares was elected Supreme Master of Exchequer at the last meeting of the Supreme Lodge. This honor was worthily bestowed upon a member of this Grand Domain, who has long been identified with the work of Pythianism in our midst, and whose guiding hand has led the Order to prosperity when it needed the support of brains and energy.

After careful consideration I appointed Past Grand Chancellor C. E. Holton, of Greensboro, to fill the unexpired term. I feel that the mantle of Pythian honor and excellence could fall upon no worthier shoulders.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. D. Benbow, found that his duties

were such that he could not give to his office the attention which it requires. With that honesty and candor which characterizes the man, he tendered me his resignation, although I requested him to continue until the Grand Lodge met. He has been a source of constant aid and encouragement to me in my labors for the advancement of the Order.

I congratulate the Order and myself on being able to supply a substitute in the person of W. T. Hollowell; he has been most efficient and active in performing the duties of the office. Coming in at a time when the work of preparing the records for the meeting of the Grand Lodge demanded much experience, he has shown himself capable and willing, and has greatly assisted me in the work of the Order.

CHANGE OF PLACE OF MEETING.

In accordance with a resolution passed at our last Convention, and with the authority given the Grand Chancellor by Section 6, Article II, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, I ordered a change of place of meeting from Durham to Charlotte. This action was taken after getting the consent of Durham Lodge, No. 39.

The change was made for the following reasons:

The railroads at the time of change would give only a rate of one and one-third fare for round trip tickets. The hotel at Durham would not give a lower rate than $2 per day, and could accommodate but one hundred. I secured rates in Charlotte at the Central Hotel for $1 50 per day. The Uniform Rank informed me they could not go to Durham, but would go Charlotte. After consulting with the Grand Lodge Officers, and getting their approval, I ordered the change in the place of meeting.

I wish to state emphatically that I have had no other motive in making this change than a desire to save expenses in the Grand Lodge meeting, and at the same time to bring our Order before the public, by having the Uniform Rank meet with us. Only after making my arrangements to meet in Charlotte did all the railroads give me a one fare rate for round trip.

The hospitality of Durham is too well known and acknowledged for me to make further explanation for making this change.

RATHBONE MONUMENT FUND.

All civilized people, both ancient and modern, have commemorated their heroes by erecting structures to their memory. The great Order of Knights of Pythias will be an imperishable monument to the memory of Justus H. Rathbone, but it is just and fitting that we should erect a memorial which shall honor the man who originated our Order. I should be glad if our lodges would unite in making a larger contribution to this fund. North Carolina has never been found wanting in her recognition of the noble and the true.

I have already forwarded to Supreme Vice Chancellor, Thos. G. Sample, who is treasurer of this fund, $49.60.

PYTHIAN PAPER.

The American public are great readers. Every organization has its paper to set forth its principles and spread its influence.

The press is the power of the age. If we wish our Order to prosper we must use every means to advance its interest.

An intelligent community demands its paper; an intelligent lodge will demand its Pythian paper. A member that reads a Pythian paper is better fitted to administer the affairs of his lodge than one that never hears anything outside of his narrow sphere. I therefore think that the Grand Lodge showed much wisdom in appropriating a sum last year to assist the *Tar Heel Knight.*

I would recommend a continuance of this appropriation, and hope that every encouragement will be given the paper by lodges and individual members.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Statistics will be found in the report of the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order, but I wish to say that the Order in this Grand Domain is in a condition which warrants the belief in a brilliant future. The majority of the lodges are enthusiastic and progressive, and those which are lukewarm need only the inspiration of a live Pythian to stir up the fire of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

There are now 71 healthy and active lodges with a membership of nearly 4,000.

INCORPORATION OF GRAND LODGE.

For reasons evident to the membership, it was decided to have our Grand Lodge incorporated. Through the tact and energy of District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. W. Willson, the last Legislature of North Carolina made our Grand Lodge a corporate body. The following is a copy of the bill as passed by the Legislature.

AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF NORTH CAROLINA."

The General Assembly of North Carolina, do enact:

That Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, Washington Catlett, of Wilmington, R. H. Rickert, of Statesville, P. R. Law, of Lumberton, John Ward,

of Raleigh, C. D. Benbow, of Greensboro, Thos. D. Meares, of Wilmington, W. S. Cook, of Fayetteville, Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, and F. T. Ward, of Raleigh, all of the State of North Carolina, officers and members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the State of North Carolina; holding a regular charter from the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and their successors, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate in the State of North Carolina by the name of "The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina" and by that name it may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights and privileges incidental to fraternal and benevolent corporations within the State of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. That the said corporation shall have the power to take and hold real and personal estate, not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars, which shall not be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors for the promotion of the fraternal and benevolent purposes of said corporation.

Sec. 3. That all claims, accounts, debts, things in action or other matters of business of whatever nature now existing for or against the present Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina, mentioned in Section 1 of this Act, shall survive and succeed to and against the body corporate and politic hereby created; provided, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to extend the operation of any law which provides for the extinguishing of claims or contracts by limitation of time.

Sec. 4. That said corporation shall have a constitution and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure, shall have the power to enact laws for its own government and the government of its subordinate lodges, and shall have the power to amend the same at pleasure; provided that such constitution, laws or amendments thereof do not conflict with the laws of the United States or the State of North Carolina.

Sec. 5. That said corporation shall not engage in any business for gain; the purposes of said corporation being fraternal and benevolent.

Sec. 6. This Act shall be in force from and after the ratification.

FINANCES.

The financial report will give full details as to the condition of our funds, therefore I refer you to it. Some lodges have been backward in sending their Grand Lodge dues. I hope that this habit will soon disappear. It causes unnecessary trouble to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and shows a lack of business method on the part of subordinate Lodges.

ALTERNATE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Article II, Sec. 3, of the Grand Lodge Constitution provides for the election of representatives from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, but it makes no mention of the election of an alternate. It would seem that an alternate representative would be a very necessary feature, and might save the Lodge many awkward predicaments. The subject is worthy of our consideration, as it has caused some discussion and misunderstanding in several Subordinate Lodges.

COUNTING THE RITUALS.

At the last meeting of the Supreme Lodge it was made a part of the closing exercises of each Subordinate Lodge to count the Rituals. This was a wise provision for the protection of our secret work. Subordinate Lodges were duly informed of the requirement and I hope they have carefully carried out the injunction. The Chancellor Commander should strictly enforce the rule.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

In many of the larger Domains, District meetings are held. The District Deputy Grand Chancellor calls his Lodges together at a central point. Many questions beneficial to the Order at large and to the District are discussed. A contact with other Lodges thus promotes fraternal ties. The Grand Chancellor, as suggested by the Supreme Chancellor, can at these meetings meet a large number of the membership at one visitation. If our Domain is ripe for it, I think it would be advisable to attempt something of the kind.

CASTLE HALLS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Nothing invites one to visit a gathering of any kind so much as attractive surroundings and comfort. I, therefore, would earnestly recommend to our subordinate Lodges the advantage, I may say, the necessity, of securing every comfort and ornamentation pleasing to the eye; to make the Castle hall a place where the members will desire to go. During the past year I have noticed that many progressive Lodges have gotten up entertainments both instructive, and tending to cheer the mind and body. These have brought out the lukewarm members to a wonderful degree. Public installations have added much to our enthusiasm and bring the Order before the world, I heartily recommend all such means to advance the Order. The long winter evenings may be most advantageously used to cultivate our young men, and thus a new phase of the usefulness of our Grand Order may present itself.

HAND SHAKING.

Following the remarks of the Supreme Chancellor I would urge our members to discard the habit of giving the Pythian grip in common hand shaking. It is entirely unnecessary except to test a stranger, otherwise it is always out of place.

COMMITTING THE RITUAL.

An oft repeated counsel is not without its effect. Let me, therefore, beg our Lodges to do all in their power to confer the Ranks without the use of Rituals. In all my visitations I could estimate the condition of the Lodge by ascertaining whether the work was performed without a book. The wide awake active Lodges, those that best understand the Order and love it, initiate without the hesitating, lacadaisical method of reading the charges.

Team work adds much to the impressiveness and dignity of the ceremonies.

The study necessary to commit the matter to memory is an excellent means of cultivating the mind, to say nothing of the benefit of the classic literature with which it is clothed.

RELATION OF DUES TO SICK BENEFITS.

I approach this point with much hesitation. Our Grand Statutes have been in operation now two years. Much care and thought were devoted to the preparation of them. They have stood the test remarkably well.

All penefits paid must have a proper relation to the dues received wherewith they are paid, else bankruptcy of the Lodge will follow. The science of mutual insurance is too well known now to admit of anything like experiment on our part; hence, every intelligent Knight will recognize the necessity of a careful consideration of this feature of the Order.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed from various quarters upon the limit, or too great restriction, which the Grand Lodge has placed upon the subordinate Lodges. For this reason I would call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of discussing the question of amending the present law.

The objections raised are: that the restrictions place our Order at a disadvantage when compared with other Orders that pay a larger benefit. One monthly report informed me that the growth of that Lodge had been retarded by this feature.

"The principle of local government is too severely interfered with. Lodges are better able to judge of what they are able and willing to do," many say. It is claimed that one of the most attractive, useful, and dis-

tinguishing characteristics of Pythianism, (giving aid to the sick) is restricted, and Pythianism is handicapped.

The privilege of making assessments to carry out and further the aid to the distressed, is said to fail of its intent. The membership always object to assessments, the machinery of making them is unwieldy and slow.

These are some of the points presented to me. I have felt it to be my duty to lay them before this body.

OFFICE OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

The duties of this office are increasing with the growing Order. The time of the Grand Chancellor is greatly taxed to conduct the correspondence and to attend to the various duties required of him. The Grand Lodge considerately appropriated $150 for clerical assistance. I would recommend that this sum be allowed to future Grand Chancellors. I have practiced close economy and leave $45 of the amount unused.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have made as many official visits as time and opportunity would permit. Most of the Lodges have been visited. The various officers have rendered me great aid in this work. I think this official meeting with the Lodges is one of the most beneficial acts, both for Lodges and visiting official. It instills interest and life; it keeps the ritualistic work more uniform; it brings out lukewarm members; it gives a clear idea of the state of the Lodge and its needs. But it is very difficult to find an officer suitable for the place whose business will permit his constant absence. A man with no business is rarely competent to look after the affairs of a great and growing Order. This question is worthy the consideration of our honorable body. I have spoken elsewhere as to the aid and efficacy of the position of the District Deputy Grand Chancellor.

SUPREME LODGE REPORTS AND STATUTES.

It is of great importance that all subordinate Lodges should have a copy of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes, also of the Supreme Lodge Constitution and Statutes; and there should be added a copy of the Decisions of the Supreme Tribunal.

At the request of the Supreme Chancellor, I issued a circular to all Lodges calling their attention to this last mentioned aid.

Every Pythian should love his Lodge and his Order; he should desire to be informed upon the laws and principles; not to be disputatious, but to be able to inform them and to better live up to what they teach. A careful consultation of the laws will save much unnecessary correspondence and loss of time.

I think every District Deputy Grand Chancellor should be supplied with a copy free of cost.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

This subject is still agitating the minds of our best legislators. I ask the careful consideration of it during this session. I believe we are reducing the number in our Grand Domain, as is the case throughout the Order. Many plans have been suggested and tried. If Lodges are careful in the beginning as to the material they admit, one step would be taken towards preventing the trouble.

This Order is no eleemosynary Institution, and no one should be admitted that is apt to be a burden upon the Lodge. Applicants who are not physically sound should not be considered suitable subjects. The Master of Finance should be allowed a percentage on collection of *delinquent* members, or at least be allowed to employ a collector to visit the members in arrears. Members should be induced to join the Endowment Rank. This will make them more careful not to allow themselves to fall into arrears.

Appeals to delinquents, worthy of being retained, should be made by other members who can do so with tact and delicacy.

Members should not be allowed to get too far behind without some effort to collect; as many members who get greatly indebted, find it impossibls to pay, and allow themselves to be suspended when they love the Order and might make useful members, The Master of Finance has much to do with preventing the loss of members from this cause. The Lodge should, therefore, be very careful in selecting one thoronghly fitted to fill this office. Lastly, I think every consideration should be given a member who falls into arrears. If he is at all worthy, he fails, not because he is indifferent or regardless of the advantage he enjoys as a member, but often unknown demands upon his purse, loss of employment and many other reasons prevent his keeping himself in good standing It is a time when Fraternal sympathy shows itself most noble.

I, therefore, think in these cases every consideration should be allowed which is consistent with charity and business principles.

ORPHANS FUND.

In all ages the widow and orphans have appealed to the sympathies of the world for aid and succor. And surely no class needs our protecting care more. It was the foundation principles of the Knights of old to protect the weak and helpless. Our Order must not, and will not, be backward in doing our duty in this line. Other Orders are doing most efficient work in caring for their orphans. I hope that this Grand Lodge will adopt some method to increase this fund and begin to use it at once. I regret to say that I fear our finances will not permit the ten per cent. which is now

taken from the gross receipts. I most heartily recommend, however, that this body take steps to devise some plan by which the fund shall continue to increase, and the drain on the Grand Lodge fund be not so large.

I am informed that there is now $1,474.14 on hand, which does not include the sum borrowed from it last year by the Grand Lodge.

Full statistics will be given by the trustees of the fund.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

To provide for those who are dependent upon us and that may suffer when the providing arm is withdrawn is inherent in the principles of Pythianism, and is felt in every beat of its pulse.

I look upon the Endowment Rank as the full blown flower of Pythianism. It appeals to every impulse of a well balanced Pythian. It aids largely in keeping the membership of each subordinate Lodge in a healthy condition.

The Endowment Rank is now managed by some of the most skillful insurance men, as well as shrewd and successful business men, as are to be found anywhere. Its affairs are on a most satisfactory basis. It is growing in strength and popularity every day.

It has now nearly 50,000 members carrying an endowment of over $9,000,000. Over $10,000,000 has been paid to beneficiaries. It provides insurance in sums from $500 to $3,000.

The Grand Domain of North Carolina has nearly 1,000 members, carrying about $2,000,000 insurance. I cheerfully recommend this branch of the Order.

UNIFORM RANK.

This has been called the ornamental part of the Order, but it is also a useful part. It appeals to the manly spirit of our members It enables the name of Knight to be not a mere appendage to our name, but armed with the sword of defence and clad in the insignia of Knighthood, he is a Knight indeed ready to do battle for our country, our fireside, and our rights. This branch should receive every encouragement from this body. It will use the appropriation this year that was made for it, and I hope this aid will be continued. The Rank is commanded by most loyal and enthusiastic Pythians.

A true member of the Uniform Rank is necessarily a worthy member of the Order. New Divisions have been formed during this administration, and I am informed that other Divisions will be speedily organized. Statistics will be found in the report submitted by Col. W. J. Woodward.

CONCLUSION.

And now my labors have ceased. I have ever been deeply sensible of the responsibilities resting upon me, and keenly appreciative of the honor

conferred. I have been a Pythian for twenty-three years, and I have never regretted my connection with the Order, but have always been proud of my membership. I have seen the grandeur of purpose, and the nobility of principle which characterizes this Order. It has been an inspiration to be associated with my fellow officers and the rank and file in the twice blessed work of elevating mankind, and aiding the sick and distressed. I shall ever remember the kind assistance, the courteous consideration, the ready co-operation, and the helpful advice which has been rendered me by each and all of my co-laborers during my administration. In my contact with the Order at large, the warm grasp of the hand, the hospitable welcome, the genial intercourse, and the bountiful entertainments will linger long in my recollection as privileges which nothing but a membership with Pythianism can produce; and thinking of this, I with heartfelt sincerity say:

"God bless our Knightly band,
Firm may it ever stand
Through storm and wave."

W. CATLETT,
Grand Chancellor.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 1st, 1897.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

BRETHREN:—In presenting the Annual Report of the work and business of this office, I have no apologies to offer, or excuses to render, notwithstanding the work has been done under many difficulties, having had charge of the office but for a short while. My worthy predecessor Past Grand Chancellor Charles D. Benbow having resigned I was appointed April 2nd to fill the unexpired term, and the transfer was made a few days later, so you see I have had but little time in which to get acquainted with the work and business of the office. I trust that your criticisms will be made, in that spirit, that should characterize a true Knight of Pythias.

Our record is as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number Lodges last report	65	
Number Lodges instituted during the year,	8	
Total	73	
Charters forfeited (No. 47 and No. 76)	2	
Total Number Active Lodges	71	

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership December 31st, 1895	3,383	
Initiated during the year	428	
Admitted by Card	73	
Admitted by Re-Instatement	25	
Total		3,909

DEDUCTIONS.

Withdrawn	91	
Suspended	261	
Died	27	
Total Deductions		379
Membership December 31st, 1896		3,530

A net gain during the year of 147 members. Add to this the membership of 107 in the seven new Lodges, organized since the Semi-Annual Reports were made, and we have a gain in membership of 254, making a total membership of 3,637.

See table A for report of Subordinate Lodges.

RELIEF BY SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The Subordinate Lodges have expended for relief for the year

Sick and Funeral Benefits	$ 4,151 80	
Donations	1,111 48	
Total		$ 5,263 28

See table B for amount expended by each Lodge.

ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand	$ 6,866 77	
Invested	4,384 31	
Lodge Property	14,713 72	
Total Assets		$25,964 80

See table C for assets of each Lodge.

NEW LODGES.

The following Lodges have been instituted since last Convention of the Grand Lodge: Pittsboro, No. 88, at Pittsboro with 14 Charter Members, September 24th, 1896, by D. J. McKeithen of Aberdeen. Pineville, No. 89, at Pineville, with 12 Charter Members, March 19th, by T. S. Franklin of Charlotte. Mecklenburg, No. 90, Charlotte, with 21 Charter Members, March 26th, 1896, by T. S. Franklin of Charlotte. Red Springs, No. 91, Red Springs, with 14 Charter Members, March 19th, 1896, by A. W. McLean. Graham, No. 92, Graham, with 14 Charter Members, March 19th, 1896, by Charles E. McLean. Tar River, No. 93, Greenville, with

14 Charter Members, May 4th, 1896, by W. H. Griffin. Kings Mountain, No. 94, Kings Mountain, with 15 Charter Members, April 28th, 1896, by J. M. Sloan. Rockingham, No. 95, Rockingham, with 17 Charter Members, May 26th, 1896, by S. B. Bundy.

RECEIPTS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

For receipts from the subordinate Lodges I refer you to table giving receipts in detail. See table D.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

Mount Hebron, No. 76, Charter taken up by District Deputy Grand Chancellor Alex Webb, and property turned over to Mt. Ida Lodge, No. 58.

Queen City, No. 47, Charter taken up by District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. H. Griffin, and the furniture belonging to the Lodge sold, and the debts paid out of proceeds, and a balance of $24.70 turned over to the Grand Lodge. The paraphanalia is stored in the building occupied by Rocky Mount Lodge, No. 84, at Rocky Mount. A part of the jewels and a few other articles of the property, was sold to No. 84 and charged up to them. Much credit is due Bro. Griffin, for his work in settling up the affairs of this Lodge, as he had considerable trouble in so doing, and it was very satisfactorily done.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Several of the Lodges were very late in sending in their Semi-Annual Reports, in fact, a few of them have made *no* reports for the past term, and in a few instances, they are credited with Capita Tax paid, and no Semi-Annual Report. I presume the cause of this was that reports were sent and not being correct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal returned them for correction.

I think the Chancellor Commander, and the Deputy Grand Chancellor, are in a great measure responsible for this state of affairs, as it is their duty to see that the reports are correct before they sign them.

DEATHS.

Since the last Convention, the following Past Chancellors, who were members of the Grand Lodge, have died. J. H. Monyhan and J. C. Boon of Cumberland, No. 5; W. B. Boyd of Athenia, No. 8; J. S. Bogne of Rathbone, No. 37.

FLORIDA SUFFERERS.

In response to the appeal for aid to the storm sufferers in Florida, the following amounts were contributed, and forwarded to George W. Davis,

Jr., Grand Master of Exchequer, Jacksonville, Florida, and acknowledgments made by him to each subordinate Lodge that contributed.

Lodge No.	6,	$10 00	Lodge No.	31,	$10 00	Lodge No.	32,	$ 10 00
" "	40,	2 00	" "	41,	8 60	" "	51,	5 00
" "	53,	20 00	" "	54,	3 80	" "	60,	2 00
" "	63,	5 00	" "	65,	5 00	" "	66,	8 50
" "	70,	10 00	" "	74,	2 62	" "	84,	2 00
Total								$104 52

Other Lodges contributed, but the amounts were returned to them, notice having been received that sufficient funds had been sent to relieve the necessities of the brethren.

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

Amt. on hand last report	$2,321 13	
Received from Grand Lodge Tax	3,436 00	
" " Supplies	1,747 43	
" " Orphan Fund	362 60	
" " Rathbone Fund	6 90	
" " Assembly Coupons	86 00	
" " Orphans Fund, Salem No. 56	61 32	
" " Returned overpaid expenses	2 25	
" " From Grand Lodge Cards	3 00	
" " Queen City, No. 47, settlement	24 70	
Total receipts		$ 8,051 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amt. paid Annual Convention 1896	$ 1,585 90	
" " Supplies	505 60	
" " Printing	257 90	
" " Paraphanalia	869 90	
" " Official visits	175 70	
" " Supreme Lodge Tax	100 00	
" " Sundry expenses	766 38	
" " To Orphan Fund	416 82	
" " Salaries	400 00	
" " Rathbone Fund	6 90	
		$ 5,085 10
Balance on hand General Fund		$ 2,966 23

For Warrants issued see Table "E".

GRAND LODGE CARDS.

Grand Lodge Cards have been issued to the following members of Queen City, No. 47, (defunct): W. H. Griffin, J. M. Griffin, S B. Vaughn, W. C. Woodward, Geo. L Parker, E. W Smith, G. W Robins, M. K. Gravely, N. D. Casteen, C. W. Ritter, John, L. Arrington, E. L Hart, W. A. Cates, W. S. Wilkinson and B. E. Parham, and to J. W. Stafford, of No. 28, and J. M. Blow, of Woodson, No. 16.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

In accordance with legislation, at the last Convention, Charters have been delivered to the following Lodges: Matthews, No. 77; Caldwell, No. 78; Riverside, No. 79; Greensboro, No. 80; Norwood, No. 81; Forest City, No. 82; Charlotte, No. 83; Rocky Mount, No. 84; Henderson, No. 85; Bethania, No. 86; Contentnea, No. 87.

JOURNAL.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Journal of 1896 were printed, and distributed as directed by the Laws of the Order.

Contract has been awarded Nash Bros., of Goldsboro, for printing the Journal of Proceedings for 1897, at ninety cents per page, for seven hundred and fifty copies, they to furnish two hundred and fifty copies of the Officers Reports, for use at the Grand Lodge Convention, free of charge.

We have bound copies of the Journal, in the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, from the years 1872 to 1895, inclusive.

SUPPLIES.

The supplies on hand are very few. I have avoided all expense possible —only ordering such supplies as were really needed for conducting the business of the office.

PROPERTY OF GRAND LODGE.

The property of the Grand Lodge consists of the following:

1 Large Desk.
1 Mimeograph.
2 Seals.
24 Transfer Cards.
5 Rank Credentials.
3 Travelling Shields.
12 Withdrawal Cards.
6 Pads Application Blanks.
15 Pads 2nd Rank
2 Service Books.
8 Pads Delinquent Notices.
3 Music Books.
2 Copies Decisions Supreme Tribunal.

4 Grand Lodge Cards.
1 Set Grand Lodge Rituals,
1 Set Grand Lodge Jewels,
1 Set Representative Jewels,
32 Receipt Books,
5 Books, Orders, S. S. P. W.
Grand Lodge Journals,
Grand Lodge Statutes,
Supreme Lodge Statutes,
Small lot Stationery,
Lot old Books and Papers,
2 Old Trunks (in bad shape.)

ENDOWMENT RANK.

Through the courtesy of brother Geo. H. Royster I am able to present to the Grand Lodge the status of the Endowment Rank in this Domain.

Number of Sections	56
Number of Members	934
Amount of Endowment	$ 1,994 500
Amount paid to Beneficiaries in the Domain the past year	$17,000 00
Total death benefits paid in this Domain, since organization	$173,000 00

For full report, giving number of Sections, location, &c., see Appendix F.

PYTHIAN PRESS.

Before closing this report, I feel that some mention should be made of the publications of the Order, many of which have been sent to this office. They are all worthy of support and patronage, and none more so than our own little *Tar Heel Knight*.

CLERICAL FUND.

At the last Convention, the Grand Lodge appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars as a clerical fund, to be used by the Grand Chancellor; of this amount only one hundred and five dollars was used by him as follows:

Amount used to May 1	$ 100 00
Aid in writing up reports	5 00
Total amount used	$ 105 00

CONCLUSION.

Notwithstanding the fiscal year ends with April 30th, the books have been kept open, and I have delayed making this report until June 1st, in

order that all the Lodges might get in their reports, and make settlement with the Grand Lodge.

It has been to me a source of pleasure to have been placed in touch with the brethren throughout the Domain.

I desire to return my thanks to the brethren, for the many courtesies extended me, and for their promptness at all times in answering my communications.

Trusting that my acts have merited your approval, I am,

Fraternally yours in F. C. and B.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., JUNE 1, 1897.

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STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR TERMS ENDING JUNE 30TH AND DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

No. of Lodges.	Name of Lodge.	First Term										Second Term.										Location of Lodges.	Name of K. of R. and S.
		Number of Members Last Report.	Additions.			Total.	Withdrawn.	Deducti'ns			Present Membership.	Number of Members Last Report	Additions.			Total.	Withdrawn.	Deducti'ns			Present Membership.		
			Initiated.	By Card.	Re Instated.			Suspended.	Died.	Total Deductions			Initiated.	By Card.	Re Instated.			Suspended.	Died.	Total Deductions			
1	Stonewall	176	10	1	1	188	2	5	..	7	181	181	4	..	....	185	....	6	.	6	179	Wilmington	W. F. Robertson.
2	Clarendon	95	3	..	2	100	3	3	..	6	94	94	6	1	....	101	1	....	..	1	100	Wilmington	W. C. VonGlan.
3	Centre	74	5	..	....	79	2	2	..	4	75	75	2	..	1	78	2	7	..	9	69	Raleigh	W. W. Willson.
4	Germania	60	1	..	....	61	....	....	..	....	61	61	....	..	....	61	1	....	..	....	60	Wilmington	H F. Haar.
5	Cumberland	195	5	..	2	202	1	4	..	5	197	197	4	..	....	201	3	3	3	9	192	Fayetteville	J. C. Vann
6	Ruffin	127	2	..	....	129	....	....	..	....	129	129	....	..	....	129	....	1	..	1	128	Goldsboro	J. H. Hill.
8	Athenia	50	3	4	....	57	2	7	2	11	46	49	2	2	..	50	1	4	..	5	45	Newbern	W. S. Parson.
24	Salisbury	116	8	..	....	124	5	..	..	5	119	119	3	1	....	123	2	....	2	4	119	Salisbury	T. B. Marsh.
27	Scotland	46	3	..	1	50	3	3	1	7	43	43	5	..	2	50	....	....	..	....	50	Laurinburg	F. L. Bundy.
31	Durham	66	8	2	2	78	....	....	..	....	78	78	1	..	....	79	1	3	..	4	75	Durham	H. B. Chamberlain.
32	Pisgah	188	13	5	....	206	1	9	1	11	195	195	11	1	....	207	4	6	1	11	196	Asheville	B. A. Wilkie.
33	*Maxton	14	....	..	....	14	....	....	..	....	14	14	....	..	....	14	....	....	..	....	14	Maxton	J. W. Carter.
34	Phalanx	75	....	..	1	76	4	19	..	23	53	53	....	..	....	53	2	3	..	5	48	Raleigh	S. F. Telfair.
35	Lumberton	64	2	..	....	66	..	1	..	1	65	65	2	..	....	67	....	1	..	1	66	Lumberton	C. B. Skipper.
36	*Gibson	46	....	..	....	46	....	....	..	....	46	46	....	..	....	46	....	....	..	....	46	Gibson	W. J Adams.
37	Rathbone	97	13	8	....	118	7	5	2	14	104	104	10	..	....	114	1	....	..	1	113	Charlotte	J. R. Van Ness.
38	Monroe	61	6	..	....	67	....	1	..	1	66	66	2	1	....	69	....	3	..	3	66	Monroe	S. J. Welsh.
39	High Point	28	....	..	....	28	....	2	..	2	26	26	....	..	....	26	....	1	..	1	25	High Point	O. E Keames.
40	Welcome	36	1	..	....	37	....	....	..	....	37	37	7	2	....	46	2	7	..	9	37	Tarboro	J. R Gaskill.
41	Damon	171	9	4	1	185	....	5	..	5	180	180	4	3	1	188	2	4	..	6	182	Winston	C. A. Jenkins.
42	Shelby	64	....	..	....	64	....	42	..	42	22	22	....	..	....	22	....	..	..	....	22	Shelby	W. L. Carroll.
43	Liberty	24	5	..	....	29	1	1	..	2	27	27	....	..	1	28	1	....	..	1	27	Liberty	W. H Griffin.
44	Blue Ridge	77	....	..	....	77	3	9	..	12	65	65	....	..	....	65	2	15	..	17	48	Mount Airy	J. G. Banner.
45	Ashboro	47	1	..	....	48	2	....	2	4	44	44	1	..	....	45	....	....	1	1	44	Ashboro	E. L. Presnell.
46	Statesville	74	11	..	....	85	1	....	2	3	82	82	6	..	....	88	....	1	..	1	87	Statesville	J. P. Flannigan, Jr.
48	Lincolnton	35	2	..	....	37	....	....	..	....	37	37	....	..	....	37	....	6	..	6	31	Lincolnton	S. W. McKee.
49	Reidsville	81	2	..	....	83	1	10	..	11	72	72	3	..	....	75	1	7	..	8	67	Reidsville	Elijah Harris.
50	Burlington	63	....	2	....	65	....	2	..	2	63	63	....	..	....	63	....	....	..	....	63	Burlington	R. F. Williams.

51	Concord	46	5	2	....	53	1	1	1	1	50	50	4	..	....	54	....	2	..	2	52	Concord	M. B. Hartsell.
52	Madison	37	....	..	....	37	....	....	1	1	36	36	....	..	....	36	....	....	..	....	26	Madison	D. W. Busick.
53	Gastonia	50	5	..	....	55	....	1	..	1	54	54	4	..	....	58	....	1	..	1	57	Gastonia	J. H. Kennedy.
54	Catawba	38	2	1	....	41	2	1	..	3	38	38	1	..	....	39	....	2	..	2	37	Hickory	Chas. Geitner.
55	Rowland	33	8	..	....	41	1	....	..	1	40	40	1	..	....	41	....	....	..	....	41	Rowland	W. S. Ivey.
56	Salem	63	13	1	....	77	1	2	..	3	74	74	3	..	....	77	....	....	..	....	77	Salem	W. C. Atwell.
57	Hiawassee	26	....	..	....	26	....	....	..	....	26	26	....	..	....	26	....	....	..	....	26	Murphy	M. W. Bell.
58	Mount Ida	20	....	..	....	20	1	....	..	1	19	19	2	1	....	22	....	....	..	....	22	Marion	C. M. McCall.
60	Aberdeen	52	4	..	....	56	1	....	..	1	55	55	2	..	....	57	....	2	2	4	53	Aberdeen	D. A. McLauchlin.
61	Jefferson	46	4	..	....	50	....	....	..	....	50	50	5	..	....	55	....	2	..	2	53	Wilmington	J. Sternberger.
62	Balsam	39	5	..	6	50	2	4	..	6	44	44	2	..	....	46	....	6	..	6	40	Waynesville	F. M. Miller.
63	Ramseur	31	3	..	....	34	....	3	..	3	31	31	1	1	....	33	....	....	..	....	33	Ramseur	I. F. Craven.
64	Burke	27	1	..	3	31	....	....	..	....	31	31	4	3	....	38	....	....	..	....	38	Morganton	F. W. Tyler.
65	Zeb Vance	41	3	1	....	45	....	....	1	1	44	44	7	..	....	51	1	2	1	4	47	Moorsville	J. F. Brawley.
66	Kinston	23	2	..	....	25	....	....	..	....	25	25	3	..	....	28	1	1	..	....	26	Kinston	L. J. Mewborn.
67	*North Wilkesboro	21	1	..	....	21	....	....	..	....	21	21	....	..	....	21	....	....	..	....	21	North Wilksboro	H. O. Absher.
68	Mount Holly	24	3	..	....	27	1	4	..	5	22	22	....	..	....	22	....	3	..	3	19	Mount Holly	L. J. Dillinger.
69	*Guilford	25	4	1	....	30	....	....	..	....	30	30	....	..	....	30	....	....	..	....	30	Greensboro	G. S. Williams.
70	Henrietta	43	7	1	....	51	....	2	.	2	49	49	1	..	....	50	6	2	..	8	42	Hemietta	R. Hicks.
71	*Lexington	37	....	..	....	37	....	....	..	....	37	37	....	..	....	37	....	7	..	7	30	Lexington	R. T. Pickins.
72	Excelsior	24	2	..	....	26	....	2	..	2	24	24	5	..	....	29	3	1	..	4	25	Louisburg	F. H. Allen.
73	Pamlico	36	1	..	....	37	....	....	..	....	37	37	10	1	....	48	....	....	1	1	47	Washington	C. E. Hartge.
74	Waxhaw	26	3	..	....	29	....	....	..	....	29	29	....	..	....	29	....	2	1	3	26	Waxhaw	D. S. Davis.
75	Wadesboro	37	6	1	....	44	....	....	..	....	44	44	....	..	....	44	....	....	..	....	44	Wadesboro	C. S. Brassington.
77	Matthews	14	12	..	....	26	....	....	..	....	26	26	5	..	....	31	....	....	..	....	31	Matthews	F. B. Huey.
78	Caldwell	15	1	1	....	17	1	....	..	1	16	16	....	..	....	16	....	....	..	....	16	Lenoir	M. E. Shell.
79	Riverside	19	3	..	....	22	....	....	..	....	22	22	2	..	....	24	....	....	..	....	24	Marshall	J. R. Swaim.
80	Greensboro	126	4	3	....	133	3	....	..	3	130	130	1	4	....	135	2	....	..	2	133	Greensboro	A. H. Stack.
81	Norwood	16	3	..	....	19	....	....	..	....	19	19	1	..	....	20	....	....	..	....	20	Norwood	W. J. Blalock.
82	Forest City	12	3	2	1	18	....	....	..	....	18	18	8	5	....	31	....	....	..	....	31	Forest City	G. O. Doggett.
83	Charlotte	21	16	5	....	42	....	....	..	....	42	42	12	..	....	54	....	....	1	1	53	Charlotte	E. M. Purefoy.
84	Rocky Mount	19	....	..	....	19	....	....	..	....	19	19	....	1	....	20	....	....	..	....	20	Rocky Mount	S. P. Hilliard.
85	Henderson	10	3	..	....	13	....	....	..	....	13	13	4	..	....	17	....	....	..	....	17	Henderson	W. A. Hunt.
86	Bethania	23	1	..	....	24	....	....	..	....	24	24	3	..	....	27	....	....	1	1	26	Bethania	J. L. Kapp.
87	Contentnea	14	....	..	....	14	....	....	..	....	14	14	9	1	....	24	....	....	..	....	24	Wilson	J. R. McLean.
88	Pittsboro	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	14	..	....	14	....	....	..	....	14	Pittsboro	H. A. London, Jr.
	* Estimated	3383	241	45	20	3689	52	150	13	215	3474	3474	187	28	5	3694	39	111	14	164	3530		

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE AMOUNT EXPENDED BY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR RELIEF FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFIT	DONATIONS	TOTAL.
Stonewall	1	Wilmington	$ 377 10	$ 419 62	$ 796 72
Clarendon	2	Wilmington	52 70	.....	52 70
Centre	3	Raleigh	79 58	.....	79 58
Germania	4	Wilmington	33 00	.....	33 00
Cumberland	5	Fayetteville	229 00	274 00	503 00
Ruffin	6	Goldsboro	203 39	15 00	218 39
Athenia	8	Newbern	82 80	.....	82 90
Salisbury	24	Salisbury	143 65	.....	143 65
Scotland	27	Laurinburg	32 00	.....	32 00
Durham	31	Durham	93 00	10 00	103 00
Pisgah	32	Asheville	487 25	10 00	497 25
Maxton	33	Maxton	20 00	.....	20 00
Phalanx	34	Raleigh	44 00	.....	44 00
Lumberton	35	Lumberton	28 00	.....	28 00
Gibson	36	Gibson	.....	.....	.....
Rathbone	37	Charlotte	125 00	.....	125 00
Monroe	38	Monroe	116 50	.....	116 00
High Point	39	High Point	1 50	.....	1 50
Welcome	40	Tarboro	37 00	.....	37 00
Damon	41	Winston	186 95	66 66	253 61
Shelby	42	Shelby	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	43	Liberty	1 00	.....	1 00
Blue Ridge	44	Mount Airy	9 00	.....	9 00
Asheboro	45	Asheboro	45 00	.....	45 00
Statesville	46	Statesville	120 50	22 20	142 70
Lincolnton	48	Lincolnton	33 00	.....	33 00
Reidsville	49	Reidsville	60 00	.....	60 00
Burlington	50	Burlington	36 00	.....	36 00
Concord	51	Concord	82 90	7 00	89 90
Madison	52	Madison	60 25	.....	60 25
Gastonia	53	Gastonia	143 25	10 00	153 25
Catawba	54	Hickory	42 00	.....	42 00
Rowland	55	Rowland	.....	.....	.....
Salem	56	Salem	84 00	.....	84 00
Hiawassee	57	Murphy	.....	.....	.....
Mount Ida	58	Marion	7 85	.....	7 85
Aberdeen	60	Aberdeen	212 67	.....	212 67
Jefferson	61	Wilmington	51 76	.....	51 76
Balsam	62	Waynesville	6 00	.....	6 00
Ramseur	63	Ramseur	60 50	5 00	65 50
Burke	64	Morganton	1 75	5 00	6 75
Zeb Vance	65	Mooresville	77 00	20 00	97 00
Kinston	66	Kinston	14 85	.....	14 85
North Wilkesboro	67	North Wilkesboro	.....	.....	.....
Mount Holly	68	Mount Holly	40 00	.....	40 00
Guilford	69	Greensboro	.....	.....	.....
Henrietta	70	Henrietta	96 00	10 00	106 00
Lexington	71	Lexington	.....	.....	.....
Excelsior	72	Louisburg	9 00	.....	9 00
Pamlico	73	Washington	29 00	.....	29 00
Waxhaw	74	Waxhaw	37 50	.....	37 50
Wadesboro	75	Wadesboro	89 00	.....	89 00
Matthews	77	Matthews	21 0	.....	21 0
Caldwell	78	Lenoir	23 00	.....	23 00
Riverside	79	Marshall	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro	80	Greensboro	155 75	204 00	359 75
Norwood	81	Norwood	.....	.....	.....
Forest City	82	Forest City	.....	.....	.....
Charlotte	83	Charlotte	129 75	11 00	140 75
Rocky Mount	84	Rocky Mount	.....	22 00	22 00
Henderson	85	Henderson	.....	.....	.....
Bethania	86	Bethania	.....	.....	.....
Contentnea	87	Wilson	.....	.....	.....
			$ 4 151 80	$ 1,111 48	$ 5,263 28

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE ASSETS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	CASH ON HAND.	INVESTED	VALUE L DGE PROP'RTY	TOTAL ASSETS.
Stonewall	1	Wilmington	$ 928 86	$	$ 500 00	$ 1,428 86
Clarendon	2	Wilmington	169 97	.....	175 00	344 97
Centre	3	Raleigh	57 80	484 47	250 00	792 27
Germania	4	Wilmington	106 01	399 87	600 00	1,105 88
Cumberland	5	Fayetteville	182 48	.....	.....	182 48
Ruffin	6	Goldsboro	317 16	650 00	500 00	1,467 16
Athenia	8	Newbern	55 61	.....	375 00	430 61
Salisbury	24	Salisbury	50 40	500 96	.....	551 36
Scotland	27	Laurinburg	183 12	18 00	400 00	601 12
Durham	31	Durham	20 88	100 00	500 00	620 88
Pisgah	32	Asheville	188 35	.....	1,615 00	1,803 35
Maxton	33	Maxton	236 58	100 00	60 00	386 58
Phalanx	34	Raleigh	123 18	.....	1,430 00	1,553 18
Lumberton	35	Lumberton	51 50	.....	350 00	401 50
Gibson	36	Gibson	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rathbone	37	Charlotte	114 13	300 00	600 00	1 014 13
Monroe	38	Monroe	120 65	150 00	425 00	695 65
High Point	39	High Point	58 06	.....	.....	58 06
Welcome	40	Tarboro	158 06	.....	150 00	308 06
Damon	41	Warrenton	350 42	.....	700 00	1,050 42
Shelby	42	Shelby	4 93	75 00	475 00	554 93
Liberty	43	Liberty	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blue Ridge	44	Mount Airy	45 76	.....	.....	45 76
Asheboro	45	Asheboro	24 31	.....	140 00	164 31
Statesville	46	Statesville	214 83	367 45	300 00	882 28
Lincolnton	48	Lincolnton	11 93	.....	199 21	211 14
Reidsville	49	Reidsville	5 74	434 67	250 00	690 41
Burlington	50	Burlington	42 48	275 00	80 00	397 48
Concord	51	Concord	90 32	317 89	275 00	683 21
Madison	52	Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gastonia	53	Gastonia	214 90	.....	300 00	514 90
Catawba	54	Hickory	44 81	.....	135 05	179 86
Rowland	55	Rowland	96 84	.....	.....	96 84
Salem	56	Salem	44 95	.....	405 95	450 90
Hiawassee	57	Murphy	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Ida	58	Marion	44 31	.....	.....	44 31
Aberdeen	60	Aberdeen	132 30	111 00	150 00	393 30
Jefferson	61	Wilmington	379 06	.....	.....	379 06
Balsam	62	Waynesville	260 98	.....	271 67	532 65
Ramseur	63	Ramseur	164 65	.....	.....	164 65
Burke	64	Morganton	31 73	.....	.....	31 73
Zeb Vance	65	Mooresville	56 79	100 00	225 00	381 79
Kinston	66	Kinston	211 29	.....	195 33	406 62
North Wilkesboro	67	North Wilkesboro	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Holly	68	Mount Holly	91 81	.....	125 00	216 81
Guilford	69	Greensboro	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henrietta	70	Henrietta	240 49	.....	110 00	350 49
Lexington	71	Lexington	53 13	.....	200 00	253 13
Excelsior	72	Louisburg	33 30	.....	260 71	294 01
Pamlico	73	Washington	314 30	.....	.....	314 30
Waxhaw	74	Waxhaw	40 24	.....	100 00	140 24
Wadesboro	75	Wadesboro	23 61	.....	.....	23 61
Matthews	77	Matthews	93 82	.....	185 00	278 82
Caldwell	78	Lenoir	31 40	.....	100 00	131 40
Riverside	79	Marshall	.....	.....	200 00	200 00
Greensboro	80	Greensboro	99 17	.....	500 00	599 17
Norwood	81	Norwood	10 93	.....	25 00	35 93
Forest City	82	Forest City	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlotte	83	Charlotte	23 58	.....	181 50	205 08
Rocky Mount	84	Rocky Mount	45 50	.....	150 00	195 50
Henderson	85	Henderson	41 57	.....	125 00	166 57
Bethania	86	Bethania	16 24	.....	150 00	166 24
Contentnea	87	Wilson	100 10	.....	134 30	234 40
Pittsboro	88	Pittsboro	21 45	.....	135 00	156 45
			$ 6,866 77	$ 4,384 31	$14,713 72	$25,964 80

D.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE RECEIPTS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1897.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	CAP. TAX	W. AND O.	SUPPLIES.	TOTAL REC'PTS	BAL. DUE.
Stonewall	1	Wilmington	$ 180 00	$ 14 00	$ 50	$ 194 50	$.....
Clarendon	2	Wilmington	97 00	9 00	5 50	111 50	.....
Centre	3	Raleigh	72 00	7 00	5 15	84 15	3 00
Germania	4	Wilmington	60 50	.....	2 00	62 50	1 00
Cumberland	5	Fayetteville	182 50	.....	1 00	183 50	38 24
Ruffin	6	Goldsboro	128 50	2 00	.....	130 50	1 00
Athenia	8	Newbern	45 50	.....	6 79	52 29	36 00
Salisbury	24	Salisbury	119 00	11 00	2 50	132 50	.....
Scotland	27	Laurinburg	46 50	.....	.....	46 50	35 00
Durham	31	Durham	76 30	9 00	3 35	88 85	.....
Pisgah	32	Asheville	195 50	24 00	14 75	234 25	.....
Maxton	33	Maxton	14 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....
Phalanx	34	Raleigh	51 00	....	7 40	58 40	16 00
Lumberton	35	Lumberton	63 50	2 00	4 95	70 45	.....
Gibson	36	Gibson	23 00	4 00	60	27 60	.....
Rathbone	37	Charlotte	108 50	23 00	110 60	242 10	.....
Monroe	38	Monroe	66 50	8 00	7 28	81 78	.....
High Point	39	High Point	25 50	.....	.....	25 50	.....
Welcome	40	Tarboro	37 00	8 00	.....	45 00	60
Damon	41	Winston	181 00	13 00	3 00	205 10	2 00
Shelby	42	Shelby	22 00	.....	50	22 50	15 90
Liberty	43	Liberty	27 00	.....	50	27 50	53 00
Blue Ridge	44	Mount Airy	56 50	.....	2 00	58 50	7 10
Ashboro	45	Ashboro	44 00	2 00	3 00	49 00	.....
Statesville	46	Statesville	85 50	17 00	3 90	106 40	95
Lincolnton	48	Lincolnton	34 00	2 00	30	36 30	.....
Reidsville	49	Reidsville	69 50	5 00	10 60	85 10	.....
Burlington	50	Burlington	63 00	.....	.....	63 00	35 31
Concord	51	Concord	52 00	9 00	5 30	66 30	4 29
Madison	52	Madison	36 00	.....	50	36 50	39 30
Gastonia	53	Gastonia	56 50	9 00	1 25	66 75	.....
Catawba	54	Hickory	37 50	2 00	70	40 20	6 10
Rowland	55	Rowland	40 50	10 00	12 60	73 37	17 60
Salem	56	Salem	75 50	16 00	19 04	110 54	.....
Hiawassee	57	Murphy	13 00	.....	.....	13 00	16 00
Mount Ida	58	Marion	20 50	2 00	5 25	27 75	.....
Aberdeen	60	Aberdeen	54 00	.....	9 60	63 60	9 39
Jefferson	61	Wilmington	51 50	9 00	16 55	77 05	.....
Balsam	62	Waynesville	39 50	.....	1 50	41 00	66 66
Ramseur	63	Ramseur	32 00	4 00	46 80	82 80	.....
Burke	64	Morganton	33 00	5 00	1 00	39 00	60
Zeb Vance	65	Mooresville	45 50	10 00	5 29	60 79	.....
Kinston	66	Kinston	25 50	5 00	4 50	35 00	60
North Wilkesboro	67	North Wilkesboro	6 00	....	1 50	7 50	10 50
Mount Holly	68	Mt. Holly	20 50	.....	....	20 50	4 00
Guilford	69	Greensboro	45 00	4 00	2 00	51 00	1 99
Henrietta	70	Henrietta	45 50	8 00	4 11	57 61	.....
Lexington	71	Lexington	15 00	.....	85	15 85	41 10
Excelsior	72	Louisburg	26 50	7 00	28 42	61 92	.....
Pamlico	73	Washington	42 00	1 00	1 70	44 70	10 00
Waxhaw	74	Waxhaw	26 50	3 00	15	29 65	.....
Wadesboro	75	Wadesboro	44 00	6 00	21 95	71 95	.....
Matthews	77	Matthews	28 50	17 00	4 10	49 60	.....
Caldwell	78	Lenoir	16 00	1 00	50	17 50	.....
River Side	79	Marshall	23 00	5 00	.....	28 00	.....
Greensboro	80	Greensboro	134 00	5 00	4 35	143 35	.....
Norwood	81	Norwood	19 50	4 00	26 00	49 50	.....
Forest City	82	Forest City	24 00	11 00	27 30	62 30	.....
Charlotte	83	Charlotte	47 50	28 00	32 60	108 10	4 50
Rocky Mount	84	Rocky Mount	19 00	.....	.....	19 00	32 30
Henderson	85	Henderson	15 00	7 00	28 00	50 00	55
Bethania	86	Bethania	25 00	4 00	49 65	78 05	.....
Contentnea	87	Wilson	19 00	9 00	147 90	175 90	23 00
Pittsboro	88	Pittsboro	7 00	1 60	136 70	145 30	.....
Pineville	89	Pineville	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....
Mecklenburg	90	Charlotte	.....	.....	152 20	152 20	.....
Red Springs	91	Red Springs	.....	.....	127 00	127 00	.....
Graham	92	Graham	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....
Tar River	93	Greenville	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....
Kings Mountain	94	Kings Mountain	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....
Rockingham	95	Rockingham	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....
			$3436 00	$ 362 60	$ 747 43	$5546 03	$ 533 58

E.

STATEMENT OF WARRANTS DRAWN FROM JUNE 18TH 1896, TO JUNE 3RD, 1897.

No. of Warrant.	Favor of	Amount.
54	John Ward, Expenses 1896 Convention	$ 1,585 90
55	Chas. A. Webb, Office Expenses	16 06
56	John Ward, Balance Salary	25 00
57	C. D. Benbow, Balance Salary	150 00
58	Furman & Messler, Printing	2 00
59	R. L. C. White, Supplies	16 40
60	C. D. Benbow, Office Expenses	14 05
61	W. W. Willson, Paper	1 75
62	F. M. Messler, Printing	5 00
63	Washington Catlett, Office Expenses	101 95
64	A. B. Dangerfield, Bond Premium	15 00
65	A. B. Dangerfield, Bond Premium	35 00
66	Washington Catlett, Office Expenses	3 60
67	R. L. C. White, Supplies	19 30
68	Horstman & Co., Paraphanalia	92 38
69	John Ward, Postage	10 00
70	Washington Catlett, Expenses	25 00
71	Tar Heel Knight, on Paper	10 00
72	Ed. M. Uzzell, Grand Lodge Journal	183 90
73	R. L. C. White, Supplies	71 15
74	C. D. Benbow, Office Expenses	51 34
75	Wilmington Messenger, Printing	1 50
76	Washington Catlett, Official Visit	12 75
77	D, J. McKeithen, Official Visit	39 46
78	R. H. Rickert, Official Visit	11 85
79	Tar Heel Knight, Subscription	13 00
80	Reece & Elam, Printing	38 50
81	John Ward, on Salary,	25 00
82	Washington Catlett, Official Visit	40 00
83	R. L. C. White, Supplies	43 55
84	Horstman & Co., Pharaphanalia	95 53
85	Robert Glenn, Mimeograph	9 00
86	C. D. Benbow, Office Expenses	20 75
87	C. D. Benbow, Office Desk	25 00
88	Rev. P. R. Law, Official Visit	9 40
89	R. L. C. White, Supplies	100 00
90	G. Sam Bradshaw, Official Visit	3 70
91	Alex. Webb, Official Visit	8 70
92	W W. Willson, Official Visit	7 60

93	L. D. Robinson, Traveling Expenses	13 85
94	R. H. Rickert, Official Visit	10 00
95	C. A. Webb, Official Visit	3 00
96	C. F. Thomas, Printing	19 00
97	P. R. Law, Official Visit	5 00
98	A. W. McLean, Instituting No. 91	12 78
99	Washington Catlett, Official Visit	7 00
100	Tar Heel Knight, on Subscription	10 00
101	Horstman, Paraphanalia	386 87
102	Charlos E. McLean, Freight and Expenses	6 09
103	P. R. Law, Official Visit	8 30
104	W. T. Hollowell, Traveling Expenses	21 75
105	T. S. Franklin, Traveling Expenses	8 00
106	W. W. Willson, Official Visit	4 10
107	E. A. Ebert, Official Visit	9 95
108	J. G. Hall, Official Visit	2 00
109	Horstman & Co., Paraphanalia	95 54
110	R. L. C. White, Supplies	175 15
111	J. W. Byers, Printing Reports	2 25
112	J. M Sloan, Instituting No. 94	15 27
113	W. C, Crist, Official Visit	2 50
114	Nash Bros., Printing	5 75
115	John Ward, Traveling Expenses	3 95
116	Tar Heel Knight, Balance Due	20 00
117	R. L. C. White, Supplies	142 45
118	Alex. Webb, Official Visits	19 85
119	W. T. Hollowell, Office Expenses	14 06
120	W. H. Griffin, Instituting No. 93	21 64
121	R. L. C. White, Supplies	37 60
122	Horstman & Co., Paraphanalia	199 58
123	S B. Bundy, Instituting No. 95	20 62
124	C. E Holton, Official Visit	3 40
125	R. H. Rickert, Official Visit	6 60
126	Washington Catlett, Office Expenses	17 58
127	C. D. Benbow, Office Expenses	14 83
128	C. D. Benbow, Salary	278 00
129	John Ward, Balance Salary	25 00
130	W. T. Hollowell, Salary	72 00
		$ 4,661 38

APPENDIX C.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

RALEIGH, N. C., JUNE 4TH, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

BROTHERS:—I have the honor to submit the following statement of the receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, and also statement of the condition of the Orphan's Fund and other funds that have passed through my hands as Grand Master of Exchequer for the present term:

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
June 5.	Balance on hand	$2,321 13
June 29.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	260 09
July 27.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	900 05
Aug. 31.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	460 55
Sept. 16.	Amount received from Teachers' Assembly tickets	86 00
Sept. 28.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	297 95
Oct. 31.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	160 77
Nov. 30.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	45 99
Dec. 26.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	58 14
1897.		
Jan. 25.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	973 40
Feb. 22.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	443 55
Mar. 29.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	473 40
April 5.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	183 00
April 30.	Amount received from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S., during month	182 35
May 24.	Amount received from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S., during month	444 33
June 4.	Amount received from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S., during month	336 91
		$ 7,627 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.		
June 4.	Paid Warrants numbers 54 to 130, inclusive	$ 4,661 38
	Amount on hand	2,966 23
		$ 7,627 61

ORPHANS' FUND.

1896.		
June 5.	Amount on hand	$1,031 45
July 27.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	76 00
Aug. 31.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	93 00
Sept. 14.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	11 00
Oct. 28.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R, and S., during month	3 00
Dec. 7.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	7 00
1897.		
Jan. 1.	Amount received interest, Raleigh Savings Bank	41 37
Jan. 25.	Amount received from C: D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	67 00
Feb. 22.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	31 00
Mar. 29.	Amount received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., during month	71 32
April 30.	Amount received from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S., during month	27 00
May 24.	Amount received from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and Seal, during month	28 00
June 2.	Amount received from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S., during month	2 50
	Amount on hand	$1,489 64

RATHBONE MONUMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
June 9.	Received from Centre Lodge, No. 3	$ 7 30
June 14.	Received from Aberdeen Lodge, No. 60	2 50
June 14.	Received from Mt. Holly Lodge, No. 68	1 60
June 23.	Received from Welcome Lodge, No. 40	1 70
July 7.	Received from Zeb. Vance Lodge, No. 65	3 20
July 9.	Received from Monroe Lodge, No. 38	4 45
July 20.	Received from Concord Lodge, No, 51	4 10
Aug. 6.	Received from Cumberland Lodge, No. 5	7 00
Aug. 17.	Received from Statesville Lodge, No. 46	5 20
Aug. 25.	Received from Gastonia Lodge, No. 53	2 40
Oct. 2.	Received from Chas. Geitner, K. of R. and S.	1 00
1897.		
Jan, 11.	Received from C. D. Benbow, G. K. of R. and S., from Pisgah Lodge, No. 32	6 90
		$ 47 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.		
Aug. 12.	Remitted to Washington Catlett, G. C	$ 31 85
Aug. 21.	Remitted to Washington Catlett, G. C	5 20
Aug, 25.	Remitted to Washington Catlett, G. C	2 40
1897.		
May 17.	Remitted to Washington Catlett, G. C	7 90
		$ 47 35

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WARD,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

APPENDIX D.

Report of Supreme Representatives.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina.

BROTHERS:—As required by the laws of this Domain, we have the honor to submit this report of the proceedings of the recent Convention of the Supreme Lodge, held in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, August 25th to September 3rd, 1896. Copies of the daily journal were mailed by us to each Grand Lodge officer, Grand Representative, member of Standing Committees, Grand Tribunes, and Past Grand Chancellors, and we doubt not the greater part of your body is already well posted as to the legislation enacted at this Convention.

REPORT OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The report of Supreme Chancellor Richie is a splendid document—a perusal of it can not but convince the reader that the writer has given of his best to the interests of the Order, and the sagacious management of the retiring executive is fully indicated by the peaceful and prosperous condition which pervades the entire Supreme Domain. Under the head of State of the Order we have some interesting figures, a part of which we reproduce.

We find that the cash receipts of Subordinate Lodges during the years 1894 and 1895 were over eight millions of dollars, being an increase over the previous two years of about ninety-five thousand dollars. The assets of Subordinate Lodges on Dec. 31, 1895, were a little in excess of eight millions, being a gain since the same date in 1893 of about nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. During 1894 and '95 two and a half millions was spent for relief, being one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars more than was spent in the preceding two years. There was a gain of 496 Lodges during the same two years and 20,924 members, bringing the total membership on December 31st, 1895, to 464,539.

The Supreme Chancellor reports that the new Constitution and Statutes, adopted at Washington in 1894, have worked well; that the Supreme Tribunal has been efficient and given satisfaction; calls attention to the persistence of some of the Lodges in the use of the obsolete red collar; does not think it advisable to attempt to extend the Order into other countries; states his action in the enforcement of the Sunday observance law; defends and satisfactorily explains the action of the officers in changing the place of the meeting from Minneapolis to Cleveland; recommends that rituals be counted each Convention night by the Master at Arms prior to closing;

that district meetings of deputy Grand Chancellors be held; that Lodges own their own Castle Halls wherever possible; that soliciting members be discontinued; that Lodges get only the best of properties on account of the improved effect on candidates, and calls attention to the continued use in the Domain of Illinois of German Rituals, admitted by the offending Lodges themselves. This is but an imperfect sketch of the matters treated in this admirable report, which should be read by every member of the Order. Supreme Chancellor Richie retires from his high office with the respect and admiration of all, and with increased love, if possible, of those privileged to call themselves his friends.

REPORT OF SUPREME KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal publishes his usual report of gains and losses of the several Domains, from which we learn that during the years of 1894 and 1895, North Carolina made again of 1,404 members, placing her seventh in rank on a basis of actual gains; that our percentage gain during the same period was 59.82 per cent. giving us third place, and that a calculation made upon both actual and relative gain for the two years mentioned makes North Carolina first

We congratulate you on this creditable showing, and trust we may be able to hold the place we have gained, for many years.

The report states that twelve Lodges in North Carolina have failed to procure jewels for the Master of Work, and the installation of such officers was a violation of Supreme Lodge law requiring possession of such jewels before installation after January 1st, 1895. We recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal order Master of Work jewels for Lodges not having them, at once, charging same up in the usual way.

A recommendation to have issued quarterly a list of authorized dealers in Pythian properties and forbidding Lodges from purchasing from any others, was afterwards acted upon favorably by proper legislation.

THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

The report of President Hinsey shows the Endowment Rank to be in a healthy and flourishing condition, attributable to the wise and sagacious management of the Board of Control. A steady and satisfactory increase in membership has occurred, and the average age of the insured has decreased. The assets of the Endowment Rank are nearly a half million dollars, all secured in good investments.

Legislation was had permitting the issuance of policies of $500, and a slight change was made in the law as to suicides. The family of a suicide will now be paid a pro rata of his policy, based upon his expectancy of life when he became a member of the rank, as shown by the tables. This is a very fair settlement of this vexed question, and the justice to both sides entirely unquestionable.

THE UNIFORM RANK.

This branch of the Order is also prosperous and growing. The unflagging earnestness and enthusiasm of Major General Carnahan, and his watchful care over every interest of his command continues to bear fruit, not only in the admiration of his officers and men, but in the continued growth of this Rank. One hundred and four new Divisions were formed during the two years covered by the report of the Major General, and we now have 1,174 Divisions and 44,960 men. A new and beautiful Ritual was adopted for the Rank, it being the product of several years of study upon the part of Gen. Carnahan and a committee of his officers.

THE PARADE.

The parade of the Uniform Rank came off on Tuesday afternoon, and on account of the encampment not being of a National character there was a much smaller number of divisions than we have had in several years. It was exceedingly creditable, however, in all respects, and was accompanied by a feature which, in our opinion, added much to its beauty. The Subordinate Lodge members of the Lodges in Cleveland and the surrounding country, turned out, under the command of their Lodge officers, in uniform suits, and with emblematic floats, music, &c., and made as agreeable a show as the military branch. Altogether it was considered one of the finest parades ever made upon a similar occasion, and the energy and interest shown by the members of the Subordinate Lodges was alike commendable and inspiriting.

LEGISLATION.

The legislation enacted was of the most conservative character. It seemed to be the concensus of opinion that the operation of the new Laws adopted at the Washington Convention, in 1894, had been satisfactory, and very few proposed changes met with approbation. Among those made, we note the following:

Semi-Annual Pass-Word.—The law was altered so that to secure the S. A. P. W. the dues of the member applying must be paid to the beginning of the term for which the word is issued. This restores the law as it existed in this Domain prior to 1894.

The German Ritual.—A proposition to restore the German Ritual to those Lodges having it prior to the Convention of 1892 was defeated by a vote of 102 to 13. There seemed to be little disposition, even upon the part of former advocates of a German Ritual, to return to it now.

Paraphernalia.—Lodges and individuals are prohibited from buying paraphernalia from any but dealers holding certificates from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and lists of these dealers will be furnished Lodges upon application.

Rituals.—No changes were made in Subordinate Lodge Rituals, but a new one was adopted for the Uniform Rank. The Master at-Arms will be

required to count and report the presence of all the Rituals before closing each Convention.

Balloting.—The ballot box is to be placed in the centre of the hall, and each member will approach the same and deposit his vote without sign or salutation.

Transfer Cards.—A change was made as to these, whereby an applicant for one of these cards need only pay his dues to the first of the month succeeding the one in which application is made. Under the former law he had to pay 90 days in advance.

Red Collars.—The use of these is absolutely illegal, and if any of the Lodges in this Domain are now using them they should be at once stopped and required to buy jewels.

Honors of the Order. The Supreme Lodge declined to make any change in existing laws, and the honors of Past Chancellor and Past Grand Chancellor can only be attained by service in the respective offices of Chancellor Commander and Grand Chancellor.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING TERM.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Supreme Chancellor, Philip T. Colgrove,..... ...Michigan.
Supreme Vice Chancellor, Thos. G. Sample,..... Pennsylvania.
Supreme Prelate, Albert Steinhart, ...Alabama.
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, R. L. C. White, Tennessee.
Supreme Master of Exchequer, Thos. D. Meares,...North Carolina.
Supreme Master-at-Arms, James Moulsou,.....Maratime Provinces.
Supreme Inner Guard, H. A. Bigelow,.....Washington.
Supreme Outer Guard, John W. Thompson,..... Dist. of Columbia.
President Board of Control, Jno. A. Hinsey,.....Illinois.
Major General Uniform Rank, Jas. R. Carnahan,...Indiana.
Member of Board of Control to fill vacancy, W. A. Park, Iowa.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Three invitations were extended for the next Convention, San Francisco, Omaha, and Indianapolis. Though a trip to California offered many temptations, the choice for many reasons fell upon Indianapolis, and the time fixed for the fourth Tuesday of August, 1898.

IN CONCLUSION.

One of your Supreme Representatives, as will be noted, has been honored by an election to an important Supreme Lodge office. Representative Cook was also placed on the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. D. MEARES,
W. S. COOK.

APPENDIX E.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Knights of Pythias.

BRETHREN:—In presenting the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, containing a review of the journals of only twenty-five Grand Domains, it is proper for me to say that every journal received has been reviewed in this report. I regret that an opportunity was not afforded me to review the journal of every Domain. From the limited number received, I find that—notwithstanding the very large number who drop out annually by suspension for non-payment of dues—as an Order our progress in every way is pronounced. This question of suspension for non-payment of dues is a knotty one. It is made an important one, from the fact that within the thirty-three years of our existence as an Order about one million have been charged Knights, while we only number at present perhaps five hundred thousand. The only remedy for this depletion in our ranks, appears to rest in individual effort by our enthusiastic members to check it, by persuading others not to become suspended and in inducing those who have, to allow themselves to be reinstated.

In a number of Domains the holding of District Meetings has been tried and found to result in good to the Order. At these meetings discussions are had upon any and all matters relative to the Order and its laws, and thorough instruction is given in the secret work. In nearly every Domain the ability and success of a Grand Chancellor appears to be measured by the number of new Lodges added during his administration. He generally takes rank and standing as the number is accordingly large or small. This is, in our opinion, an erroneous idea, one fraught with much danger to the Order. It is only in rare instances that new Lodges owe their existence to a Grand Chancellor, they are generally worked up by some other enthusiastic brother. Let a Grand Chancellor know that his success is to be measured by the number of new Lodges added to the roster of the Grand Lodge, and new Lodges will be instituted regardless as to whether they will be a credit to the Order, or will languish and die on the hands of another Grand Chancellor.

New Lodges are certainly needed, but it is of greater importance to build up and make better Lodges out of the old ones.

It was a matter of some surprise to your Committee to find that a ma-

jority of the Grand Lodges were without a permanent habitation in the way of a meeting place, but year after year run about "on wheels" from one Lodge room to another to hold their Conventions. The Lodges have usually been generous and entertained them handsomely, in some instances we suspect to the extent of bankrupting their treasuries, or at a heavy tax on the membership. Men sometimes contribute to affairs of this kind beyond their ability, and finding the Order to be too expensive, they get behind in dues and, as our Brother from Kansas would say, "down comes the axe with a sickening thud." Banquets and other entertainments are all very nice, but the fact remains that they are expensive to the Grand Lodge in the way of per diem paid its members. The money lost to the various Grand Lodges in this way during the past fifteen years, we believe would have been sufficient to have purchased each a building in which to hold their Annual Convention.

The journal of the Supreme Lodge has been read but no review has been written, for the reason that we felt sure our able Supreme Representatives would in their report review the work of that body in a more capable manner than it was possible for your Committee to do. We have no criticism to make on the actions of a Body which has so highly honored this Domain in electing one of our number one of its officers.

In retiring from this field of Pythian labor, I do so with consciousness of having written nothing which has not been prompted by a feeling of fraternity. I trust my work will not meet with the condemnation of the reviewers of other Domains and of this Grand Lodge.

Hoping for the continued prosperity and advancement of an Order which teaches the glorious principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, I am

Yours fraternally,
W. W. WILLSON,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ARIZONA.

Thirteenth Annual Convention, May 13–15, 1896.

The Convention was opened in Prescott with all the Grand Officers present, except the Grand Master of Exchequer.

Grand Chancellor Fred. Fleishman expresses the desire that the Grand Lodge will so legislate as to place the Order in the front rank with other fraternal orders in this Domain. He rendered five decisions during the year; two of which were "daisies," and were as follows:

1st. "Question.—Whether it was required of the M. of F. to affix the Lodge Seal on his receipt for dues to individual members."

Answer.—"That the M. of F. is not required or allowed to place the Seal

of the Lodge on his receipts to members, the transaction not being official, but simply a receipt of moneys given from one brother to another."

2nd. "That the Lodge could not receive application or initiate an individual under the age of twenty-one years, without a Special Dispensation of the Grand Chancellor."

Comment is unnecessary. But if the receipt of a Master of Finance for dues is not on "Official Receipt," we would like to know what officer in a Lodge can give an "Official Receipt for Dues."

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is meagre. He does not give the information in regard to his Domain in such a manner as to cause it to be appreciated by a reviewer.

Arizona had twelve Lodges with a membership of 630 on December 31, 1895.

The Convention was uneventful, it passed off pleasantly.

The following is the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in full:

"We the undersigned Committee on Foreign Correspondence report favorably the action taken by the Grand Chancellor in repard to correspondence mentioned in his report.

F. R. Nellis,
Jacob Weber,
F. A. Phillips."

Committeemen of all kinds must have a "picnic" in this Domain.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Chancellor relative to dispensations and decisions, failed, or were not required, to make a report.

Next Convention will be held at Kingman on the second Wednesday in May, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, O. D. M. Gaddis, Kingman; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Harry Drachman, Tucson.

ARKANSAS.

Sixteenth Annual Convention, May 19–21, 1896.

The Convention was held at Hot Springs. Grand Chancellor Nicholls followed the example of his predecessor in making a brief report of his official acts. From the number, I may say, of useless questions of law he was called upon to decide, we are of the opinion that his membership were trying to test his patience. We certainly cannot think that there exists such a lack of information by any intelligent Knight in this Domain upon the plain and simple questions of law, as the questions asked would seem to indicate. He enters a vigorous protest against the practice of

making personal solicitation of votes and support for Grand Lodge office.

The Endowment Rank met with a slight increase in membership and insurance in force.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal commences his report with a kick against the existence and continuation of "financial depression" in this domain, but reports the finances of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges in good condition. He reports 85 Lodges with 4,361 members, a loss in membership over the preceding year. The Sanitarium matter continues to claim the attention of our brethren in Arkansas.

The Uniform Rank is not in the condition its friends would wish.

A new Constitution and Grand Statutes were adopted.

If the number of cases on appeal before the Grand Lodge indicates a general desire for litigation, then the newly created Grand Tribunal will not be without occupation.

As usual, Brother Fowler the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is on time with a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This, like all of his work, is complete and first-class—North Carolina having the journal of her 1895 Convention reviewed.

A pleasant incident of the session was the presentation of a Past Grand Chancellor's Jewel to retiring Grand Chancellor R. W. Nicholls.

Next Convention at Hot Springs, third Tuesday in May, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, Geo. P. Taylor, Forest City; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Chas. F. Fowler, Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Seventh Annual Convention, June 2–4, 1896.

The Grand Lodge held this Convention at Nanaimo.

The report of the Grand Chancellor discloses the fact that his efforts were directed towards saving and building up the Lodges he had, rather than trying to add new ones to the Grand Lodge roster. He was not only successful in retaining all of the old Lodges, but added one to the number, making in all at present twenty-one Lodges. His course was wise and he should be commended for his action in carrying it out. It frequently happens that Grand Chancellors in their efforts to make a cheap reputation for themselves by adding new Lodges, institute some that never should have had an existence. While they show a gain for the Grand Chancellor under whose administration they were instituted, they are certain to show a loss for some other Grand Chancellor.

This Domain shows a loss of only 73, but it may have been greater, and no doubt would have been, but for their Grand Chancellor working to preserve the old Lodges.

The proceedings contain but little of interest to outsiders.

The Committee on Correspondence did not submit a review of any Domain, but a report in which they recommended that "this Committee be discontinued, until such a time as the Grand Lodge finances would admit of having the report published, when written, without being burdensome." This small Domain has shown commendable pluck in keeping up this department of their journal in the past, when some Domains with large balances to their credit made no provision for this feature of Pythian work. We trust it will not be long before our brethren may be able to continue their Committee.

Next Convention second Tuesday in May, 1897, at New Westminster.

Grand Chancellor, F. W. Dowling, Vancouver; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, E. Pferdner, Victoria.

CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention, May 18–22, 1896.

The Journal of Proceedings of this Convention, held at San Francisco, is a credit to the Domain.

Among the first acts of this Grand Lodge was that of expressing their loyalty to our government by causing "Old Glory" to be displayed in the Convention hall.

The Grand Chancellor reports that, "notwithstanding the hard times, by earnest, persistent and energetic work we have succeeded in stemming the tide." He congratulates his Domain upon a splendid increase in membership and the outlook for the future.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows that California held her own in number of Lodges, gaining as many as were lost. Present number of Lodges 174 with a membership of 10,342, a loss of 76.

The Endowment Rank is in a prosperous condition; 103 sections with 1,374 members carrying endowment to the amount of $2,583,000.

Resolutions were passed requesting the Supreme Lodge to recognize the Rathbone Sisters and endorsing Past Grand Chancellor S. L. Carter for the position of Supreme Vice Chancellor.

The Rathbone Sisters charged the Grand Lodge in Convention, were admitted and extended the courtesies of the Grand Lodge. As the record makes no mention of their leaving, we presume they remained, assisted in the election of officers and saw the Convention closed in due form.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed our Journal of 1895.

The first report of the Grand Tribunal is bound in with the proceedings. This is a good idea. The journal of a Grand Lodge is sent to each subor-

dinate Lodge, and in that way the decisions of the Grand Tribunal will be read by many who otherwise would perhaps never see them.

We like the way this Grand Keeper of Records and Seal arranges his journal. It is prepared as if there were only one continuous session, giving after each proposition the report of the committee to whom it was referred and the action of the Grand Lodge.

Next Convention at Hanford, May 17, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, C. F. McGloshan, Truckee; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. Schaffner, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention, October 20–21. 1896.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed to Bridgeport by its Mayor in an address extending to them the freedom of the city.

The Supreme Vice Chancellor was in attendance. He was introduced to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Chancellor E. F. Durand, that genial and knightly gentleman who so endeared himself to the "Tar Heel" Knights during our last Convention at Asheville.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 58 Lodges, a gain of four; membership 5,998, net gain 352. Brother Case sends out a first-class journal, which is not made less attractive by the faces of the Supreme Vice Chancellor, Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor.

Connecticut was honored in addition to having the Supreme Vice Chancellor with them, by the presence of Supreme Representative Lee of Rhode Island and a delegation of five Grand Lodge officers of New York, headed by the Grand Chancellor of that Domain; all of whom favored the Grand Lodge with addresses.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed our 1896 Journal and complimented our two "Charlies". We will have to correct their statement that Grand Chancellor Webb recommended the establishment of a Widow and Orphan Fund. Charlie Webb deserves credit for doing many good things, but this is not one of them. Our Grand Lodge Widow and Orphan Fund was established in 1890, at the request of the Lodges in Raleigh, the idea having originated with a Past Chancellor, of Centre Lodge, No. 3. The recommendation of Brother Webb was to compel every Subordinate Lodge in North Carolina to establish a local fund of this kind.

The retiring Grand Chancellor was "jeweled" by his District Deputies, the presentation speech being made by Supreme Vice Chancellor Sample.

Next Convention at New Haven October 19, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, Vincent M. King, Danbury; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Horace O. Case, Hartford.

GEORGIA.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention, May 19–20, 1896.

Americus seemed to possess no advantage over Atlanta which could enable the Grand Lodge to easily obtain a quorum. As was the case in Atlanta at the 1895 Convention they again took "two bites at the cherry.'

The Grand Chancellor submitted a fine report, but made the mistake of including his correspondence, much of which must have failed to interest the Knights of his own Domain. He worked hard, encountered many difficulties, overcame them and had the satisfaction of being able to report during his administration an era of great prosperity.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 78 Lodges with a membership of 5,720, a gain of eight Lodges and 348 members.

This Grand Lodge has a committee whose duty it is to examine and pass upon the returns of the Subordinate Lodges. North Carolina would be benefitted by having a similar committee.

Supreme Representative Carling, on behalf of the Past Chancellor's Association of Macon, presented the retiring Grand Chancellor with a handsome Past Grand Chancellor's jewel suitably engraved.

The Grand Lodge was royally entertained by the Knights of Americus. Among other courtesies extended was that of an "old-fashioned barbecue," which was highly enjoyed.

The First Regiment of the Uniform Rank was the recipient of handsome regimental colors. The presentation speech was made by Supreme Representative Hamilton Douglas, who so charmed our Grand Lodge during its last Convention at Asheville by his eloquence and knightly bearing. During the Convention a Brigade of the Uniform Rank was organized.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence made a statistical report on the journals reviewed; North Carolina being among the number.

Next Convention at Savannah on the third Tuesday in May, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, C. Henry Cohen, Augusta; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. T. Leopold, Savannah.

ILLINOIS.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention, October 20–22, 1896.

The proceedings of this Convention, which was held at Rock Island, is embellished with the photographs of Supreme Chancellor Colgrove, Grand Trustee Linton and their Grand Outer Guard.

The report of Grand Chancellor Brown contains correspondence between the Supreme Chancellor and himself, which confirms us in the belief expressed last year—that while the Grand Officers of this Domain enforced the law in regard to the "German Question," many were in full sympathy

with the rebels. The law was enforced in such a dilatory manner that they are entitled to but little credit of being loyal Knights. That their Domain was not in open rebellion seems to be due in a large measure to the determination of Supreme Chancellor Richie and the efforts of Past Grand Chancellor Kennedy of their own Domain.

The Endowment Rank met with a small increase during the year.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows 510 Lodges with a membership of 39,208.

The report of the Supreme Representatives is a complete review of the work of the Supreme Lodge.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Domain of "Imperial Missouri."

An invitation was extended to and accepted by the Grand Lodge to participate in a "Steamboat Excursion."

Supreme Chancellor Colgrove visited this Grand Lodge officially and carried out the instructions of the Supreme Lodge by publicly reprimanding Past Grand Chancellor Fred. Buchman for his action in connection with the "German Question". In performing this unpleasant duty, the language used by the Supreme Chancellor expressed kind feelings and much love for this erring brother; nevertheless, it must have been severely felt by others present, who deserved as much, if not more, than Brother Buchman.

The Uniform Rank is reported as being in better condition than ever before.

We judge from the number of amendments offered to the Grand Statutes that many in this Domain desire a change in their local laws. This was a matter of surprise to us; Illinois, we thought, had as good if not a better Code of Laws than any other Domain.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence remembered North Carolina.

The journal of proceedings is a large one, but owing to the most excellent manner in which it is edited by Brother Caldwell is easily reviewed.

Next Convention at Peoria, third Tuesday in October, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, John D. Benedict, Danville; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Henry P. Caldwell, Chicago.

INDIANA.

Twenty Eighth Annual Convention, June 2–3, 1896

Indianapolis appears to be the permanent meeting place of this Grand Lodge, the twenty-seventh Convention as well as this being held there and the twenty-ninth will also meet in this city. We can conceive of no more fitting place for the holding of Annual Conventions than the capital city of a Domain.

The impression is left by the report of Grand Chancellor Neal that Indiana experienced a prosperous year. He says: "I am proud to say that in these troublesome times of commercial and financial depression we are able to report an increase of twenty-five lodges."

We congratulate him and his Domain upon this healthy growth. He reported that over one hundred of his Lodges were at one time violating the law in regard to the rituals—over fifty Lodges being without their full complement. He at once took this matter in hand, and by persistent demands upon the Lodges forced them to make stringent efforts to recover their lost rituals. By this promptness on the part of the Grand Chancellor, all except one were found and in the custody of the proper officials when the Grand Lodge convened. We incline to the belief that in the Supreme Domain there are at least a thousand Lodges who have not in their possession a full set of rituals.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 421 Lodges, with a membership of 36,217, a gain of 1,710.

The Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal officially visited the Grand Lodge; both delivered excellent addresses. The secret work was exemplified by the latter.

A resolution was adopted instructing their Supreme Representatives to labor to have the law amended so that two black balls cast against the reinstatement of a member would exclude him. While there seems to be no sound reason for the two-thirds vote as now exists, we fear that the two black ball business if enacted would in some cases work a hardship. It is true that a man has to be a mighty sorry fellow for over a third of the members of a Lodge to vote against his admission; but on the other hand, ought one who has been a member of the Order in good standing at one time, going out by suspension for non-payment of dues, to be barred by only two votes?

The resolution adopted to request the Supreme Lodge to enact a law allowing the "Honor" of Past Chancellor to be conferred upon any Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Exchequer who serves a Lodge as such for five years, is in our humble opinion a step in the right direction. A number of Pythians down this way have never been able to appreciate a law which refuses the "Honor" of Past Chancellor or Past Grand Chancellor to one who has earned it by service, just because he had not filled the executive chairs of the Subordinate or Grand Lodge. Some men render the Order more service out of these positions than many who occupy them.

We regret to see that this magnificent Domain, with all of its Pythian pride and enthusiasm, omits the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Convention first Tuesday in June, 1897, at Indianapolis.

Grand Chancellor Otto Kolb, Boonville; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Frank Bowers, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Seventh Annual Convention, May 5, 1896.

Evidently the boys in attendance on this Convention at Wagner came for business, transacted their business and went about their business.

This Grand Lodge, yet in its teens, went to work like old veterans and finished up everything in a day.

The Grand Chancellor reports the Domain in a flourishing condition. The Endowment Rank made a long stride and gained an increase of twenty sections.

The first business transacted was the passage of an amendment to their law which had the effect of abolishing the Grand Tribunal.

The methods of this body in legislating are upon the line of our regular governmental law-making bodies; every proposition passing its first, second and third reading before becoming a law.

Brother Walker, the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, presented a creditable review of fifty-three Domains. In his review of North Carolina, he says: "They have a foreigner to review the other Domains—at least they call it foreign correspondence"—and he says of us: "Instead of a display of faces of the officers it prints the Declaration of Principles of the Knights of Pythias," and then, as if this was something entirely new, "reprints the whole declaration as it was when appropriated bodily by the Farmers' Alliance of Texas and prior to its change by the Supreme Lodge. Wonder if this was really the first time the brother ever saw that?"

We are quite sure that Brother Catlett had seen the old "Declaration of the Principles of the Order" before he read them in the Indian Territory journal. As the "new" had taken the place of the "old," his only object in reprinting them must have been to inform the "Tar-Heel Knights" how far their brethren in the Indian Territory were behind the times. It is surprising how some folks cling to by-gone things.

Fraternal Correspondents seem to be appreciated in this Domain. The brother who wrote the report was elected Grand Prelate, given $50 for his work, and his Grand Lodge deplored the fact that an empty treasury limited the amount to that small figure. He deserves all and even more than he received.

Next Convention first Tuesday in May, 1897, at Hartshorne.

Grand Chancellor, Joe M. Lahay, Clanmore; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. H. Thomas, Muskogee.

KANSAS.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention, May 19, 1896.

The custom this Grand Lodge has of holding an Annual Special Convention on the evening before the day of its regular Convention, for the pur-

pose of conferring the Grand Lodge Rank, would be a good one for every Domain to adopt, provided they would do that work at the Special Convebtion, and at no other, as Kansas did at this Convention held in Topeka.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal furnishes a journal which should be complimented by every correspondent for its excellent arrangement. If it were possible for any of his journals to be improved on, we would say that the one of 1896 is an improvement on the one for 1895.

Major General Carnahan and the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal graced the occasion by their presence. The former addressed the Grand Lodge in the interest of the Uniform Rank and the latter exemplified the secret work.

The Grand Chancellor reports that neither the Uniform or Endowment Rank have received the attention they merited.

The following observations by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Newbert should be carefully considered by every Grand Lodge:

"The great error and cause of so many suspensions for non-payment of dues is the neglect to collect frequently and promptly. It pays a Lodge to look closely to the collection of dues, and for this reason it should pay its Master of Finance to perform the service promptly and faithfully.

"Our laws authorizing suspensions for non-payment of dues are really designed to protect Lodge revenues, but when harshly and cruelly enforced the result is the reverse of what was intended, and the Lodge, in the end, suffers loss both in income and in members. True and good brothers have suffered from the over-strict enforcement of such laws, and could the facts be ascertained, many of the recent suspensions for non-payment of dues are cases where poverty alone caused the dereliction. I fear the "almighty dollar" has closed the eyes of Dame Charity, and that the business of collections is becoming the *Ultima Thule* of Lodge duties. If this wrong really exists, let it be righted at once, for we cannot prosper while treating those of our own household uncharitably. The man is greater than the dollar, and I prefer the greater to the less. I believe that Pythianism is worth something; make the fees for the ranks high and the dues of members low; we should require men to pay for its benefits in the beginning and then make its burdens as light as possible."

Number of Lodges 238, a loss of 2; membership 12,369, a loss of 402.

As usual, Brother McDowell, the Fraternal Correspondent, presented an able report. North Carolina is fortunate in having its Mt. Airy Convention reviewed by him.

Next Convention May 18, 1897, at Wichita.

Grand Chancellor, R. McGonigal, Colby; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Gus. J. Newbert, Kansas City.

LOUISIANA.

Sixteenth Annual Convention, May 18–20, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was presided over by the Grand Vice Chancellor, business conditions preventing the Grand Chancellor from being in attendance.

The report of the Grand Chancellor contains nothing which would be of interest to one outside of his Domain. He concludes his report in the following words:

"In conclusion, I will state that I return to you my jewel, conscious of the fact that more might have been done for Pythianism, had my surroundings in a business way been such as would have permitted my visiting Lodges in different portions of the State.

"I have done the best I could, and feel profoundly grateful for the distinction you have so flatteringly bestowed."

For him to feel grateful for the distinction bestowed was, under the circumstances, natural, but would he not have obtained greater distinction by resigning the office and letting some one take it and its honors, whose "business surroundings" would not interfere with the full performance of the duties incident to the position. "Who wears the spurs should win them," is not always put into practice; some prefer to wear without winning these glittering toys.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a gain of six new Lodges and a net loss in membership of 551. Notwithstanding the hard times complained of, we believe that if the same efforts had been made to build up the old Lodges as was apparently put forth to institute new ones the result would have shown a gain instead of a loss for this Domain.

The principal business of the Convention was the consideration of amendments to the laws of the Domain.

Business engagements prevented the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from being at the Convention, but by letter he stated that the duties of this committee had received attention and asked permission to file his report after the closing of the Grand Lodge. No report from this committee appears in the journal, but instead an excuse from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal which states, that owing to the sickness of himself and family the brother had been unable to furnish the copy in time for the journal, which was delayed two weeks on this account.

Next Convention at Mandeville, third Monday in May, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, C. K. Browning, New Orleans; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Jno. A. McLean, New Orleans.

MAINE.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention, May 20, 1896.

The journal of proceedings of this one-day Convention, held at Portland, is as usual complete and full of interesting information.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence sustains the reputation Maine has won of always furnishing a report which is a pattern for others to strive to equal, none can excel. North Carolina is remembered and the journal of the Mt. Airy Convention complimented in their report.

The Grand Chancellor in his report very truly says:

"The day is yet to come when your Grand Chancellors may hope for or expect a bright pathway strewn with roses to open before them, neither can they remain at home looking after their private affairs and hope for the honor and dignity of their office to carry them through, but to do justice to themselves and to the Order, and to keep in touch with the progressiveness of the age in which we live, they must be up and doing, they must sacrifice on the altar of duty, for the time being, a great many of their personal comforts and pleasures for the benefit of the Fraternity."

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives 105 Lodges with a membership of 11,055, a gain of 696.

A new Constitution and Grand Statutes were adopted and steps taken to celebrate the silver anniversary of the Grand Lodge, which occurs in 1897.

Next Convention third Wednesday in May at Portland.

Grand Chancellor, Edwin Parsons, Kennebunk; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. G. Smith, Portland.

MICHIGAN.

Twenty-Third Annual Convention, May 13–14, 1896

This Convention, in the city of Jackson, was honored by the presence of the Supreme Chancellor, who exemplified the secret work and delivered an address. This being the home of the Supreme Vice Chancellor, it is unnecessary to say he was present and spoke words of cheer to the boys.

The report of the Grand Chancellor shows that he brought good sense, intelligence and hard work to bear, as a result his Domain made gains and not losses during his administration. He visited in person and gave full instruction to one hundred Lodges, while only twenty were visited by other Grand Lodge officers. Under the head of "Instructing Lodges" he has this to say:

"While there are plenty of locations where Pythian Lodges should be planted in Michigan, yet we must take note of the conditions that present themselves to every Fraternal body that has stood more than a generation.

The old Lodges have claims upon us that we must respect. It is for their advancement and the best interests of the Order that they receive systematic and thorough instruction. A poor, shiftless Lodge in a good lively city is a menace to Pythianism. Experience has shown that indifferent officers generally produce an indifferent Lodge."

This is the correct idea. Build up the old Lodges and new ones will be instituted fast enough.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports the institution of twelve new Lodges. Present number of Lodges 162, membership 10,937, net gain 133.

The following law was enacted:

"That no officer of any Subordinate Lodge shall be installed into the office to which he shall have been elected until he shall have satisfied the installing officer in open Lodge that he has the ritualistic and unwritten work pertaining to his office committed to memory. This statute shall not apply to officers elected at the institution of a Lodge."

A good law, but unless there is a strong sentiment in favor of it in the Domain we doubt its enforcement.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence lets North Carolina down easy, without a "roast," but with compliments. Thanks!

Next Convention on the second Monday in May, 1897, at Detroit.

Grand Chancellor, E. F. Woodcock, Niles; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, M. S. Curtis, Battle Creek.

MONTANA.

Twelfth Annual Convention, June 9–10, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed to Bozeman in an eloquent address by Hon. W. S. Hartman, who represented the home Lodge as well as the city. Grand Chancellor Hammond in behalf of the Grand Lodge responded to the address of welcome.

The Grand Chancellor reports a healthy growth of the Order in this Domain. Like his predecessor he seems to have been a very busy man, but unlike him he did not let business prevent him from attending the Grand Lodge Convention; he changed the time of the Convention in order that it would not conflict with an engagement in the East. While he deplores the fact that he had but little time for visitation, he made thirty-five official visits.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal only reports thirty-six Lodges, hence we fail to see how his private matters interfered with his duties as Grand Chancellor. It looks like it takes lots of personal work to convince a Western man that he has performed his duty.

Four new Lodges were instituted and two reinstated; membership December 31, 1895, 2,132, a gain of 146.

Brother Butler submitted an excellent report on correspondence, in which North Carolina is not forgotten.

The Endowment Rank was given an impetus during the year, but the Uniform Rank dropped behind.

A picture of the retiring Grand Chancellor serves as a frontispiece to the Journal of Proceedings. The journal could be improved by leaving out unimportant correspondence.

The Ranks cost $35 in this Domain. We think they are worth it.

Next Convention third Tuesday in September, 1897, at Helena.

Grand Chancellor, T. J. Porter, Miles City; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Jacob Loeb, Helena.

NEBRASKA.

Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention, October 13–14, 1896.

This Convention was held at Lincoln.

The report of Grand Chancellor Ford is an able document, giving the details of his entire administration. District meetings were held during the year in this Domain, and like those held the preceding year resulted in good to the Order. Of them the Grand Chancellor says:

"The assertion has been made: these meetings are an expensive undertaking and do not return an increase in membership and finance that justifies their continuance to the Subordinate Lodges where same are held. I have taken particular pains to find out the facts as to this assertion, and wish emphatically to state that had it not have been for the meetings held the past two years in this Domain, the loss in membership would have been double the number of to-day, and the exchequer of the several Lodges would have been depleted to a greater extent than at the present time.

"I have also discovered the ones making this assertion have not taken the time to be present upon the occasions named, to imbibe at least a part of the grand results to be obtained, and therefore are in no position to comment upon endeavors made in behalf of the Order to sustain its existence, being non-participants in such efforts."

In the matter of official visitation no one can start a "kick" on this Grand Chancellor. He visited one hundred and twenty-five Lodges.

If our space would admit, the best review we could give of this Domain would be to reproduce in full the report of the Grand Chancellor.

Number of Lodges 156, membership 6,048, a loss of 566.

The journal is an excellent one, but we would suggest that it is not full enough in stating the various propositions presented to the Grand Lodge

for action. One outside of this Domain, unless familiar with its laws, loses much of the purport of matters under discussion.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submitted a well written and *fraternal* report. North Carolina has her Asheville Convention of 1896 pleasantly reviewed.

Next Convention second Tuesday in October, 1897, in the city of Lincoln.

Grand Chancellor, Gus. Norberg, Holdrege; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Will H. Love, Lincoln.

NEVADA.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention, June 11–12, 1896.

We are glad to learn from the report of the Grand Chancellor that "Nevada during the past year has helped the Pythian star toward the zenith," for, judging from the first two paragraphs of his report, one would naturally draw the conclusion that a "condition of depression" had prevailed in Nevada for the past ten years. He commences his report as follows:

"With Knightly courtesy I greet you, and in the name of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence I ask your kindly consideration of this report. I ask because I feel the need.

"I had in mind to say: It has been my fortune to serve you in a year of 'general depression,' or 'business depression,' or 'mining depression,' or 'condition of depression;' but I was in almost a state of 'total depression' to find that I could not do so without plagiarizing from the reports of nearly all my predecessors for ten years past."

The Uniform Rank, as well as the Endowment Rank, gained in favor during the year.

Nevada has 15 Lodges with 816 members, which shows a net loss of 15.

The brethren who composed the Grand Lodge at this Convention appear to have been blessed with amiable dispositions. They allowed themselves to be interrupted, while considering the Grand Statutes as a Committee of the Whole, three times in succession to confer the Grand Lodge Rank upon three Past Chancellors, without even a "kick" being entered.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is now settled law that the Honor of Past Chancellor can only be obtained by service as Chancellor Commander, this Grand Lodge attempted to confer it upon two Knights by resolution.

No Committee on Correspondence.

Next Convention at Elko on the second Tuesday in June, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, J. D. Torreyson, Carson City; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. B. Stoddard, Virginia City.

NEW YORK.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention, July 28–30, 1896.

Public exercises were held to welcome the Grand Lodge on the lawn of the Canandaigua House. Mr. J. L. Bennett on behalf of the village of Canandaigua delivered the speech of welcome, which was responded to by Grand Chancellor Bedell, he was followed by other prominent Pythians.

A picture of Past Grand Chancellor Charles E. Spencer, who died in Brooklyn on January 14, 1896, at the advanced age of nearly seventy-two years, is used as a frontispiece to the journal.

The report of the Grand Chancellor, barring circulars, is an interesting document. Upon the subject of official visitations he says:

"I recognize the fact that much good can be done by an official visit of the Grand Chancellor, but it is an utter impossibility for any one executive officer to visit every Lodge in this Domain during his term of office. The office work of the Grand Chancellor must be taken into consideration, and has become such as to prevent him from reaching as many Lodges as he would like. If that officer, in the future, is expected to keep pace with those of the past, it will require a person with a cast-iron constitution, and one whose time is not required by business interests. You can perhaps sympathize with the individual, and forgive any errors that he might possibly make, when you are informed that the Grand Chancellor has met with *one hundred and seventy-eight* Lodges (some through District conventions), and in doing this has been compelled to travel 12,851 miles."

As this is only a small part of the work of a Grand Chancellor, no estimate can be made of the amount of necessary labor these gentlemen are called upon to perform in the various Domains.

A lost ritual was found during the year by a Deputy Grand Chancellor in the city of New York in a peculiar manner. In transmitting the book to the Grand Chancellor the Deputy gave the following explanation of how it came into his hands:

"I am interested in a mission Sunday school in a poor quarter of the city. A dirty little urchin had picked the book up from the sidewalk and took it home. After it had been read by the father and several friends, they suggested that it would be a good contribution to the mission library, and thus it came into my hands."

Brother Calkins, the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, reviews the journals of a number of Domains. North Carolina is indebted to him for a kindly review of its Mt. Airy convention in 1895.

New York has a State Deputy at an expense of $2.000 per year, and finds that it pays to have him.

District meetings are a success in this Domain.

While the journal is, in the main, well arranged, it would facilitate the work of a reviewer if Brother Acker the efficient Grand Keeper of Records

and Seal would only have the reports of officers, with all statistical information, printed as an appendix.

Next Convention at Utica, Tuesday, July 27, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, H. C. Kanski, Jr., New York; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. J. Acker, Albany.

OHIO.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention, May 26–27, 1896.

That Cincinnati, as well as the Grand Lodge, was honored by the presence of a number of prominent Pythians is shown by the following extract from the journal of this Convention:

"The Committee of Escort here appeared with Supreme Chancellor Walter B. Richie, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal R. L. C. White, of Tennessee; Major General James R. Carnahan, of Indiana, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal J. H. Holmes, of Missouri, who were introduced to the Grand Lodge by the Chairman, Past Supreme Chancellor Howard Douglass. The Supreme Honors were advanced for the Supreme Chancellor, and he with the other distinguished guests were conducted to the platform. An address filled with inspiring instruction was delivered by Brother Richie, which created the greatest enthusiasm and brought forth round after round of applause. He was followed by Brothers White, Carnahan and Holmes, who each spoke encouragingly of the work of the Order, being especially complimentary to the Domain of Ohio."

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Domain of Indiana, the Rathbone Sisters and Pythian Sisterhood of Ohio.

From reading the journal of proceedings, one gains the impression that the new laws of this Domain were to some extent unsatisfactory. The principal business of the Convention was the consideration and adoption of various amendments to their law.

Ohio has 660 Lodges with a membership of 54,004, a gain of 1,844.

It is only necessary to state that Brothers A. P. Butterfield, W. B. Richie and J. C. Burns compose the Committee on Correspondence in this Domain for every well informed Knight of Pythias to know that an able review was presented.

We follow their example and submit their comment on North Carolina:

Twenty-fifth session, Mt. Airy, June 19–20.

A political campaign prevented a "big" year. Eleven new Lodges were added to the roll; one was lost. Total Lodges in Domain, 55; members, Jan. 1, 3,005; increase, 591.

A State Lecturer has been in use in North Carolina for some time, but he is no more. A telegram was, by a rising vote, ordered forwarded to Supreme Chancellor Richie. These kind remembrances often prove more beneficial than medicine. Gen. W. D. Kennedy, of Chicago, put in an appearance and made an address, as he always does

on demand. Washington Catlett prepared an excellent Fraternal Correspondence report, and he had his reward in being chosen Grand Vice Chancellor. That whole-souled brother, Thomas D. Meares, was unanimously re-elected as Supreme Representative.

General business of the session would be uninteresting to the Pythian world.

Hon. S. A. Court, whom many Tar-Heel Knights had the pleasure of meeting at our Grand Lodge Convention held in Greensboro in 1893, was a candidate for Supreme Representative and came near being elected.

The journal contains the pictures of the Tribunes and also that of Past Supreme Representative M. E. Kuhn, who died on September 13, 1895.

Next Convention at Toledo on the fourth Tuesday in May, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, M. J. Jenkins, Plain City; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. Beatty, Toledo.

RHODE ISLAND.

Twenty Fifth Annual Convention, February, 11, 1896.

The city of Providence had the honor of having the Grand Lodge with it on the occasion of its Silver Anniversary.

The Grand Chancellor reports that he visited every Lodge in his Domain. He was only called upon for one decision. Happy man!

The Endowment Rank has eight sections with 122 members, who carry endowment to the amount of $219.000.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 34 Lodges with a membership of 3,466, a loss of 206.

An interesting historical sketch of the Order in Rhode Island is given in the Appendix to the journal.

The journal shows that good taste was exercised in its compilation.

The frontispiece contains the picture of Grand Lodge Officers.

We regret that there is no Committee on Correspondence in this Domain.

Next Convention at Providence on the second Tuesday in February, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, Andrew McKenzie, Providence; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. A. Wilson, Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Seventh Annual Convention, June 3, 1896.

After the addresses of welcome to the Grand Lodge in behalf of the city of Yankton and the local Lodge had been responded to in a fitting manner by the Grand Chancellor the Convention was opened for business.

The report of the Grand Chancellor shows some interest to have been manifested in the Endowment Rank, while the Uniform Rank failed to re-

ceive the attention he had expected. His report of his official visits to Lodges reads like a fairy tale, abounding in "lively songs," a "lovely banquet," "a most elegant banquet," "telling of stories," and one of his Lodges presented him with a "lovely and valuable present." He appears to have done good work.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal states that there are 49 Lodges with 1,898 members, a loss of 95 during the year.

The journal is fairly well arranged. Two pictures are shown, those of Supreme Chancellor Richie and their present Grand Chancellor, C. N. Herried.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a readable report, in which they devoted about a page to reviewing the journal of our Convention held in 1895. In reply to their seeming complaint of a lack of criticism on the part of Brother Catlett, who wrote the report of this Committee to our Mt. Airy Convention in 1895, we have to say: that if the South Dakota brethren acted at their Convention reviewed by Brother Catlett, as they did at their one of 1896, there was nothing for him to criticise. We never fail, down this way, to give criticism when and where it is needed.

Next Convention at Sioux Falls, first Wednesday in June, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, Chas. N. Herreid, Eureka; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. E. Warner, Faulkton.

TENNESSEE.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention, May 13–15, 1896.

When a Grand Lodge of a Domain as large and well off financially as Tennessee, with one of its members occupying the most lucrative and responsible office in the Supreme Lodge, shows such a lack of interest in other Domains, not to say a manifest desire to avoid being fraternal, by failing to appoint a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, one feels inclined to follow the example of the distinguished Correspondent of Kansas and pass Tennessee without comment. Our only reason for not doing so, is that some "Tar-Heel" may have in someway heard there is such a Domain as Tennessee and may desire some information in regard to it.

The journal is illustrated by the pictures of Grand Master of Exchequer, who died during the year, and their new Grand Chancellor, W. B. Smithson.

If the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal would get out of the old rut and place those statistical tables in an Appendix instead of incorporating them in the body of his Journal of Proceedings, he would not only assist a reviewer in his work, but add much to the appearance of his journal. We are aware that Tennessee has demonstrated that she cares but little about reviewers or their opinions, but perhaps the latter consideration may have some weight.

The Grand Chancellor, under the head of "Official Visits," says:

"I have been prevented from performing this pleasant and important

duty as often as I wished, on account of my vocation. I have been encompassed with business engagements which required almost my daily attention."

This is the same old chestnut in the way of an excuse for failure to perform a known duty. He congratulates the Domain upon a gain in membership. Number of Lodges 134, membership 8,519, a gain of 164.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Domains of Ohio and Indiana, or rather Tennessee replied to the fraternal greetings of those Domains.

The Uniform Rank is reported as being inactive. The Endowment Rank is growing in strength.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge look with disfavor upon all candidates for office in this Grand Body who make a personal canvass or personally electioneer among the members of the Grand Lodge for votes for themselves"

This action was a step in the right direction. Merit and capability should be the only requisites for advancement. We are glad that our brethren in Tennessee are trying to eliminate political methods from their Conventions.

This Grand Lodge voted down a resolution to provide for official visits being made to the Lodges on account of a lack of finances, but asked for a contribution from the Subordinate Lodges with which to make a show at the Centennial.

Next Convention at Nashville, May 12, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, W. B. Smithson, Pulaski; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Alex. Allison, Knoxville.

TEXAS.

Twenty Third Annual Convention, April 21–23, 1896.

This journal of the Waco Convention, as is always the case with the work of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Henry Miller, is a model of completeness. The pictures of Grand Lodge officers, Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Representatives, Grand Tribunal and Past Grand Chancellor Hollis which adorn its pages equal if they do not excel those of any journal received.

The public exercises incident to the Convention were held in the Opera House. The speeches on this occasion were of a high order. They are published in the journal.

The Grand Chancellor explains his failure to make official visits, by pleading the usual excuse, "business engagements." The district meetings

held during the year were a success and resulted in good to the Order.

The following quotation from the report of the Grand Chancellor shows the condition of the Order in this Domain.

"It is apparent that an era of substantial prosperity is upon us. The subordinate Lodge officers seem to have entered upon the discharge of their duties with a determination and zeal that is commendable and exceedingly gratifying. A deeper interest in Lodge work is manifest in "the rank and file," the secret work is more correctly given, and while some few suspensions are reported, the accessions to membership largely out-number them."

Number of Lodges 227, membership 13,165, net gain 315.

Both the Uniform and Endowment Rank are progressing.

Supreme Chancellor Richie was in attendance and addressed the Grand Lodge.

Unnecessary questions of law appear to pop up extensively in this Domain, as the Committee on Judiciary gathered quite a crop of them during the year. A provision was made by which the Past Chancellor's Rank would in the future be conferred on all who presented themselves, and were entitled to it, at the District meetings.

The report from the Committee on State of the Order of this Domain is the best we have ever read.

The Committee on Fraternal Review consists of five members. An excellent report was submitted by them, in which the North Carolina Journal of the Mt. Airy Convention is reviewed.

Next Convention at Fort Worth, third Tuesday in April, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, T. S. Smith, Hillsboro; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Henry Miller, Weatherford.

UTAH.

Thirteenth Annual Convention, June 16–18, 1896.

Salt Lake City had the honor of this Convention.

Grand Chancellor Meakin whose picture is used as a frontispiece to the journal in his report expresses the following sentiment:

"As a fraternal legislative body we should ever bear in mind that we, as members of this Order, are working for the good of all, therefore every action must be free from selfish desires of personal aggrandizement, petty jealousies or prejudices."

If every Grand Lodge would act upon this principle the Order would be placed upon a higher plane; one not yet approached by any fraternity.

From the character of the questions asked their Grand Chancellor we incline to the belief that our brethren in Utah, were seeking to test that officer's amiability. They appear to ask questions in this Domain for the

pleasure of asking. Most of the information asked could easily have been obtained by a reference to the law, which should be accessible to every Knight.

The Grand Chancellor reports that every Lodge was officially visited by him.

Utah has 15 Lodges with a membership of 1,229, a net gain of 269.

No Committee on Correspondence.

Next Convention at Park City, June 17, 1897.

Grand Chancellor, W. B. Wedell, Ogden; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. C. Wardleigh, Ogden.

VIRGINIA.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention, May 5–6, 1897.

The journal of this Convention, held at Danville, is what it purports to be, a Journal of Proceedings. While it is complete, no unnecessary and uninteresting matter is given for a reviewer to wade through.

This Domain had the misfortune to lose its Grand Chancellor, who died on August 3, 1895.

Grand Vice Chancellor Garrett assumed the office upon the death of the Grand Chancellor, and in his report to the Grand Lodge he makes a creditable showing for his Domain. Eight new Lodges were instituted. He reports having fully performed the duty devolving on him of making official visits. On this subject he truthfully says:

"I most respectfully submit that there should be some change in this law. A proper construction implies a personal duty on the Grand Chancellor, involving the loss of much time if he faithfully does his work, and I submit that it is not right or just that a brother should thus be compelled to sacrifice his business in order to faithfully fulfil the position of Grand Chancellor, or lose his time from his powers of earning a living, without compensation. An Order founded on Friendship, Charity and Benevolence should be reciprocal in its blessings, and a brother called to become Grand Chancellor, if he is made of true manhood, is a bread-winner in some department of labor, and while he is *visiting* and endeavoring to aid, help and inspire brethren to emulate the heroism of a Damon, he is painfully aware that the wife and child require about the same amount of the grocer and butcher in his absence, and thereby he is not so inspiring as he would otherwise be."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports 57 Lodges with a membership of 4,580, a net gain of 17.

The deliberations of the Convention were confined to matters of local interest.

The time of holding the Annual Convention was changed from May to February.

We were surprised to find that Virginia has no Committee on Correspondence.

Next Convention, third Tuesday in February, 1897, at Richmond.

Grand Chancellor, Harry Wooding, Danville; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Walter A. Edwards, Norfolk.

WASHINGTON.

Thirteenth Annual Convention, May 19 21, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed to Seattle in a most royal manner. A parade was had, participated in by the National Guard of Washington, Uniform Rank, High School Cadets and distinguished citizens of the State in carriages. At the conclusion of the parade they were conducted to the Armory where they were formally welcomed with music and eloquence, both of a high order.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is short and to the point. Speaking of the progress made, he says:

"While the past year has not brought forth that degree of progress and prosperity to our Order in this Domain that we all hoped for, it has not been barren of good results, and a careful review of the situation unmistakably shows a marked improvement."

Our reports this year will show a decrease of 185 members, but unofficial reports which I have secured through correspondence with the D. D G. C.'s of each Lodge show a material increase since Dec. 31st, 1895, the date of our official reports."

He reports the Endowment and Uniform Ranks as being in good condition.

Number of Lodges 81, membership 4,196, net loss 185.

A new Constitution and Grand Statutes were adopted.

The "Rathbone Sisters" entertained the members of the Grand Lodge and visitors by a "social," during which they gave an exhibition drill, which excited the admiration of all who witnessed it. At another time they exemplified their work before all Knights who wished to join their Order.

A resolution was introduced in the Grand Lodge to instruct their Supreme Representatives to use their best endeavors to secure from the Supreme Lodge recognition of the Order of Rathbone Sisters. On motion, it was referred to the Supreme Representatives with instructions to use their best judgment in advocating it. We comment on this action, because in almost every instance where resolutions of a similar character in regard to

this or any other matter have been introduced in any Domain, they generally meet with the same fate—"left to the best judgment of the Supreme Representatives." Just why this action should be taken we fail to see. Representatives are sent by Grand Lodges to the Supreme Lodge to express in that body the will of the Grand Lodge sending them. Their vote in the Supreme Lodge is the vote of the Grand Lodge they happen to represent. The will of Grand Lodges thus expressed becomes Supreme Law. How can they know the will of their Grand Lodge in the absence of any expression. We admit it may possibly affect the personal popularity of a Representative in the Supreme Lodge, and consequently his advancement, to advocate, even at the wish of his Grand Lodge, views adverse to those held by some in that Supreme Body, but he should do so or resign. So long as Grand Lodges fail to express their views by a vote of instruction, they but multiply the chances of their views not being brought to the attention of the Supreme Lodge.

There was no report from the Committee on Correspondence.

Next Convention third Tuesday in May, 1897, at Vancouver.

Grand Chancellor, J. J. Weisenburger, New Whatcom; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. Beamer, Spokane.

APPENDIX F.

STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK IN THE GRAND DOMAIN OF NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 1st, 1897.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretary	No. of Members.	Amount of Endowment.
221	Wilmington	Jas. D. Nutt	107	$ 279 000
255	Fayetteville	H. C. Sedberry	63	151 000
307	Goldsboro	W. H. Collins	36	87 000
610	Salisbury	T. F. Young	12	28 000
658	Laurinburg	Geo. M. Whitfield, Box 155	23	59 000
702	Greensboro	G. H. Royster, Box 96	93	230 000
864	Durham	J. H. Sneed, 111 W. Main St	26	75 000
876	Maxton	J. N. Carter	10	16 000
1085	Lumberton	L. R. Breece	11	20 000
1113	Gibson Station,	M. F. Gibson	7	19 000
1124	Raleigh	F. T. Ward	13	17 000
1201	High Point	Geo. A Mattoon, Box 41	7	14 000
1211	Charlotte	E. L. Martin	16	39 000
1225	Monroe	Wm. C. Wolfe	10	25 000
1345	Tarboro	G. E. Burwell	5	9 000
1635	Mt. Airy	F. A. Dorsett, Box 266	3	5 000
1723	Winston	R. C. Taylor, Box 168	55	121 000
1749	Reidsville	E. F. Hall, Box 274	23	51 000
1779	Rocky Mount	G. W. Robbins, Drawer 10	2	4 000
1845	Asheboro	Thos J. Moffett	9	13 000
1847	Burlington	J P. Montgomery	9	22 000
1861	Gastonia	J. E. Curry	25	43 000
1866	Concord	L. D. Coltrane	15	27 000
1880	Statesville	David Wallace, Jr	26	41 000
1896	Asheville	J. S. Owens	29	60 000
1905	Hickory	W. X. Reid	17	46 000
1910	Lincolnton	E. T. Childs	16	12 000

STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK—CONTINUED.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretary	No of Members.	Amount of Endowment.
1971	Salem	W O Senseman	26	$ 39 000
2049	Marion	Geo. E. Lee, Box 96	9	18 000
2116	Morganton	F. W. Tyler	15	26 000
2164	Aberdeen	D. A. McLauchlin	10	24 000
2224	Kinston	Geo. D. Hawks	5	8 000
2231	N. Wilkesboro	J. R. Coffey	3	9 000
2251	Mooresville	J F. Brawley, Box 25	20	25 000
2304	Lexington	J. L. Peacock	8	17 000
2380	Waynesville	J. D. Boone	12	40 000
2386	Mt. Holly	R. C. Belk	5	9 000
2514	Madison	J. W. Mangum	5	6 000
2537	Louisburg	J. J. Person	6	17 000
2557	Ramseur	E. B. Leonard	8	13 000
2648	Washington	A. F. Ellsworth	11	17 000
2667	Henrietta	James P. Davis	9	9 000
2761	Waxhaw	F. A. Krauss	6	9 000
2880	Matthews	T. J. Orr	7	14 000
2896	Norwood	J. D. Barnhardt, Box 57	5	7 000
3051	Liberty	W. H. Griffin	7	11 000
3089	Wadesboro	B. G. Covington	8	18 000
3158	Bethania	E. T. Kapp	5	7 000
3195	Henderson	N. K. Sturges	5	7 000
3224	Wilson	E. K. Wright	9	16 000
3237	Forest City	F. W. King	5	5 000
3289	Charlotte	F. R. McNinch	6	9 000
3349	New Berne	Charles C. Thornton	12	18 000
3440	Pittsboro	H. A. London, Jr.,	5	4 500

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections	54
Number of Members	890
Amount of Endowment	$1,915 500

INCREASE DURING PAST YEAR.

Number of Sections	5
Number of Members	98
Amount of Endowment	$ 163 500

During the past year the Board of Control has paid to the beneficiaries of seven deceased members in this Grand Domain, the sum of ..... $ 17 000

Total death benefits paid by the Endowment Rank, since organization, to the beneficiaries of deceased members in the Grand Domain of North Carolina ..... $ 173 000

Have organized Sections at Red Springs with 8 members, amount of endowment, $9.000; also one at Pineville, N C., with 11 members, amount of Endowment, $20,000; and there has been added in old Sections 25 members, Endowment $50,000, since this report was made out.

G. H. ROYSTER.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Next Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in Wilmington on the second Tuesday in June, 1898, at 8 o'clock, P. M., P. P. XXXV.

The Fiscal Year closes on April 30th. All accounts should be closed up before that date in order to appear in the reports to the Grand Lodge.

Special Care should be taken by the Deputy Grand Chancellors to see that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is furnished with the semi-annual reports of the term ending in December, *immediately*, in order to allow time for the compilation of such statistics as *should* be presented in his report to the Supreme Lodge.

Each Deputy Grand Chancellor must forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal his official receipt for dues on or before the first day of June and December of each year, showing himself to be in good standing in his Lodge. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will then forward the password for the ensuing term.

In Order to Prevent Delay in Correspondence the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal should be notified promptly of any change in the officers of subordinate Lodges, or their address, *especially of the Keeper of Records and Seal.*

Lodges Submitting By-Laws (or amendments thereto) should forward the copy direct to the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

Any Information in connection with the Order will be cheerfully furnished on application to the Grand Chancellor or Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, personally or otherwise.

W. T. HOLLOWELL, G. K. R. S.,

GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

PRICE LIST

Of Supplies Furnished by The Grand Lodge.

Rituals, each	$ 2 50
Question Book	1 25
Service Book (funeral, memorial, &c.)	65
Supreme Statutes (paper)	50
Supreme Statutes (cloth)	1 00
Grand Statutes (paper)	25
Grand Statutes (cloth)	50
Application blanks (per hundred)	60
Delinquent Notices (per hundred)	60
Master of Exchequer orders (100 in book)	60
Master of Exchequer Receipts (100 in book)	60
Official receipts (100 in book)	60
Second Rank blanks per 100 (50 in pad)	60
Orders for S. A. P. W., (100 in book)	60
Transfer Cards	50
Travelling Shields	25
Withdrawal Cards	50
Grand Lodge Cards (for Members of Defunct Lodges)	2 00
Jewels, officers, per set	12 00
Jewels, Grand Representatives, each	$2.00 to 3 00
Jewels, Deputy Grand Chancellors, each	$5.00 to 6 00
Jewels, Past Grand Representatives, each	$2.00 to 3 00
Jewels, Past Chancellors, each	$1 25 to 5 00
Jewel Cases each	75 cents to 1 25

Special Jewels of any qualities will be supplied to order.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

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Thirty-second Annual Convention

Asheville, June 10th and 12th

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OF THE

Domain of North Carolina,

HELD AT

ASHEVILLE, N. C., JUNE 10--12, 1902

NASH BROTHERS,
BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
GOLDSBORO, N. C.

RECEPTION.

The Thirty-Second Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge will be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present, as being one of the most pleasant ever held in this Domain.

The Knights of Pythias and their ladies began to arrive on Monday afternoon and the Reception Committee of the lodges in Asheville were on duty until every one had left town on Friday, and nothing was left undone by the Knights' Committee, and the committee of ladies to make our stay pleasant. It was a continuous round of enjoyment from beginning to finish.

The Grand Lodge convened on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and after a short session adjourned to the Casino of the Swannanoa Hotel where were assembled the beauty and Chivalry of the beautiful and hospitable city of Asheville to extend the welcome hand.

Chancellor Commander Geo. Hackney of Pisgah Lodge, as chairman, called the assemblage to order, and introduced Bro. Alfred S. Barnard, who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Knights.

City Attorney L. M. Bourne welcomed them on behalf of the City.

The response was made by Col. A. C. Davis, representative of Ruffin Lodge, No. 6, of Goldsboro.

When the speaking was over light refreshments were served, and a general hospitable welcome was given by each one of Asheville's citizens who were present, after which dancing was in order, which lasted until quite late, when all went away feeling that it was a most enjoyable, well arranged and splendid reception. The writer does not feel that he would be doing justice to those who took part, without a mention of the fine music which was interspersed between the several talks.

The music, both vocal and instrumental was fine, and those

who took part were called back, after the rendition of each piece on the program.

The several talks were of very fine order, and it was expected that they would be published, but have been unable to get copies from the speakers.

Besides the entertainment at the Casino, the Knights and their ladies were taken for a drive over the estate of Mr. Geo. Vanderbilt, and over the several street car lines to the parks and other places of interest in and around the city.

The Asheville Pythians are nothing if not Progressive and hospitable.

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 10, 1902.

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, was called to order in the Castle Hall of Pisgah and Asheville Lodges, at 8 o'clock p. m. by Grand Chancellor L. P. McLoud.

The roll of officers was called and the following were present:

S. P. G. C.—Geo. W. Montcastle.
G. C.—L. P. McLoud.
G. V. C.—J. L. Scott, Jr.
G. P.—Rev. E. D. Brown.
G. K. of R. S.—W. T. Hollowell.
G. M. of E.—John C. Mills.
G. M. at A.—J. L. Arrington.
G. I. G.—B. Nooe.
G. O. G.—D. H. Collins.
Supreme Representatives—C. A. Webb, T. S. Franklin.

The following Past Grand Chancellors were present:

W. S. Cook. E. A. Ebert, John Haar, C. E. Holton, T. D. Meares, R. H. Rickert.

GRAND LODGE OPENED IN DUE FORM.

A roll of lodges was called and a quorum being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ritualistic form.

MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES PRESENT.

The following members of Standing Committees were present:

Grand Tribunal—J. D. McCall, C. R. Barker.
Judiciary Committee—Walker Taylor, Harry W. Whedbee, L. D. Robinson.

State of the Order—A. E. McCausland, Samuel Kramer, H. H. Wilson.

Finance Committee—J. H. Hoffman, W. W. Willson, W. A. Hunt.

Orphan Committee—Rev. P. R. Law, H. J. Overman, E. F. Strickland.

Credential Committee—Isaac Lazarus, Geo. C. Goodman.

Foreign Correspondent—N. B. Alexander.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES.

Grand Chancellor McLoud made the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees:

E. W. Smith, of No. 84, on Credential Committee, in place of R. E. L. Cook, who was absent.

LETTER FROM SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The following letter from Supreme Chancellor Fethers was read, and on motion, the Grand Lodge decided to hear an address from Bro. Richardson immediately after the election of officers, on Wednesday morning:

Document No. 1.

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The bearer hereof, Supreme Representative D. C. Richardson, is hereby appointed and commissioned Special Deputy Supreme Chancellor, charged with the duty of visiting you officially during your annual convention, to be held at Asheville Tuesday, June 10, 1902, P. P. XXXIX, and following days. You will receive him as the accredited representative of the Supreme Chancellor.

This, the sixth day of May, 1902, P. P. XXXIX.

OGDEN H. FETHERS,
Supreme Chancellor.

Attest:
R. L. C. WHITE, S. K. R. S.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, through Bro. Goodman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Brothers:—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the following Past Chancellors and found them correct, and recommend that the Grand Lodge Rank be conferred upon them:

Document No. 2.

Lodge No. 1. .....W. E. Davis.
" " 1. .....H. O. Craigg.

"	"	2.	W. C. Galloway.
"	"	2.	E. D. Warren.
"	"	5.	E. W. Nolley.
"	"	5.	R. A. Southerland.
"	"	6.	W. J. Gibson.
"	"	6.	R. C. Jenkins.
"	"	31.	Geo. T. Wood.
"	"	32.	Hugh LaBarbe.
"	"	32.	Thos. A. Jones.
"	"	35.	Geo. B. McLeod.
"	"	37.	E. W. Thompson.
"	"	37.	R. E. Davidson.
"	"	38.	W. L. Earnhardt.
"	"	39.	John W. Wilborne.
"	"	45.	E. L. Moffitt.
"	"	46.	A. J. Evans.
"	"	49.	Dr. L. L. Sapp.
"	"	50.	A. M. Garwood.
"	"	51.	R. L. McConnell.
"	"	54.	T. J. Green.
"	"	54.	W. A. Hall.
"	"	55.	W. D. McCallum.
"	"	56.	W. I. Brooks.
"	"	56.	W. F. Tesh.
"	"	58.	E. H. Dysaitt.
"	"	61.	W. L. Holden.
"	"	61.	Jas. C. Morrison.
"	"	62.	Frank D. Hunt.
"	"	64.	Nathan Lazarus.
"	"	64.	J. C. Estes.
"	"	65.	S. S. McNeeley.
"	"	68.	J. W. Holland.
"	"	69.	Chas. L. Scott.
"	"	70.	Dr. J. F. Whisnant.
"	"	70.	W. W. Hicks.
"	"	73.	Stephen C. Bragaw.
"	"	73.	A. S. Wells.
"	"	75.	T. C. Robinson.
"	"	75.	H. H. McLendon.
"	"	77.	A. M. McDonald.
"	"	78.	S. L. Tuttle.
"	"	80.	C. C. McLean.
"	"	80.	J. N. Longest.
"	"	81.	Jas. W. Smith.
"	"	82.	E. J. Barnett.
"	"	83.	E. R. Smith.
"	"	83.	Jas. A. Fore.

" " 84. .....F. J. Thorpe.
" " 85. .....Robert Lassiter.
" " 90. .....J. J. Ezzell.
" " 92. .....Dr. Geo. W. Long
" " 92. .....C. C. Thompson.
" " 94. .....W. P. Fulton.
" " 96. .....J. F. Hendren.
" " 96. .....D. W. Bailey.
" " 97. .....T. H. Raney.
" " 99. .....W. J. McDaniel.
" " 99. .....K. B. Clark.
" " 100. .....J. W. Rideoutte.
" " 101. .....A. G. Myricks.
" " 101. .....J. L. Wren.
" " 106. .....M. W. Brown.
" " 108. .....Allen Hall.
" " 108. .....C. McQueen.
" " 109. .....Jno. N. Cheek.
" " 110. .....M. B. Mecum.
" " 110. .....V. M. Seviers.
" " 112. .....J. R. Price.
" " 114. ..... A. L. McMurray.
" " 114. .....H. E. Gray.
" " 115. .....E. Brown.
" " 116. .....K. G. Morris.
" " 116. .....Jones Barnett.
" " 117. .....J. L. Griffin.
" " 118. .....P. H. McDonald.
" " 120. .....W. C. Feimster.
" " 121. .....Frank R. McFadyen.
" " 122. .....Clifton C. Barnard.
" " 125. .....L. G. Patterson.
" " 125. .....W. L. Fuller.
" " 125. .....Z. L. Lemay.
" " 125. .....Wm. R. Long.
" " 125. .....Jno. O. Ellington.
" " 126. .....M. D. L. Calton.
" " 126. .....S. H. Green.
" " 126. .....O. R. Carfield.
" " 126. .....A. S. Harrell.
" " 126. .....J. B. Smart.
" " 127. .....A. M. Lattimore.
" " 127. .....H. I. Washburne.
" " 127. .....W. T. Calton.
" " 127. .....J. B. Lattimore.
" " 128. .....J. L. Hare.
" " 128. .....Z. B. Copeland.

" " 128. .....W. M. Barnes.
" " 128. .....E. C. Cobb.
" " 129. .....H. S. Ward.
" " 129. .....F. F. Fagan.
" " 129. .....Clarence Latham.
" " 129. .....W. W. Early.
" " 130. .....J. W. Zachary.
" " 130. .....Ed. K. Powe.
" " 130. .....W. P. Phillips.
" " 130. .....C. W. Teague.

We have request from Grand Chancellor of New Jersey to confer Grand Lodge Rank on Past Chancellor Alfred Owens, of Lakewood Lodge No. 132, New Jersey, and find his certificate in due form and recommend that the request be granted and Rank conferred.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. W. SMITH, Ch'm.,
GEO. C. GOODMAN,
ISAAC LAZARUS,
Committee on Credentials.

Asheville, N. C., June, 10, 1902.

PYTHIAN MEMORIAL DAY.

This being the day set apart by the Supreme Lodge as Memorial Day, the Grand Lodge suspended business, and Bro. P. R. Law offered an appropriate prayer.

PAST CHANCELLORS ADMITTED.

The Grand Master-at-Arms introduced the following Past Chancellors, and the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred upon them:

Document No. 3.

Lodge No. 8. .....J. J. Baxter.
" " 24. .....J. P. Webber.
" " 32. .....T. A. Jones.
" " 32. .....B. M. Jones.
" " 32. .....C. W. Brown.
" " 32 .....Hugh LaBarbe.
" " 32. .....S. Lipinsky.
" " 37. .....R. E. Davidson.
" " 38. .....J. E. McCarten.
" " 40. .....T. B. Jacock.
" " 42. .....S. E. Gidney.
" " 46. .....J. G. Powell.
" " 46. .....J. L. Sloan.
" " 46. .....J. A. Brady.

" " 48. .....R. S. Rheinhardt.
" " 49. .....L. L. Sapp.
" " 50. .....R. M. Morrow.
" " 51. .....R. L. McConnell.
" " 54. .....T. J. Green.
" " 55. .....Dr. Howard Ready.
" " 56. .....J. F. Crouse.
" " 58. .....Wm. Sweeny.
" " 62. .....F. D. Hunt.
" " 62. .....F. W. Miller.
" " 62. .....A. W. Freeman.
" " 63. .....O. T. Leonard.
" " 64. .....J. C. Estes.
" " 68. .....J. W. Holland.
" " 70. .....J. F. Whisnant.
" " 74. .....W. R. Steel.
" " 75. .....H. H. McLendon.
" " 77. .....A. M. McDonald.
" " 78. .....S. L. Tuttle.
" " 79. .....J. R. Green.
" " 80. .....J. N. Longest.
" " 80. .....C. C. McLean.
" " 82. .....R. E. Biggerstaff.
" " 84. .....F. J. Thorpe.
" " 86. .....R. E. Transou.
" " 88 .....A. H. London.
" " 90. .....J. J. Ezzell.
" " 92. .....G. W. Long.
" " 95. .....W. R. Coppedge.
" " 96. .....J. F. Hendren.
" " 98. .....W. A. Cochrane.
" " 100. .....Frank R. Brown.
" " 102. .....J. C. Deaton.
" " 104. .....G. Maxwell.
" " 106. .....S. J. Cain.
" " 106. .....J. H. Woodcock.
" " 106. .....W. A. James.
" " 106. .....Donald Gillis.
" " 106. .....M. W. Brown.
" " 106. .....Frank Laughrane.
" " 106. .....J. W. Pellham.
" " 107. .....J. W. Johnson.
" " 108. .....Allen Hall.
" " 109. .....J. N. Cheek.
" " 110. .....V. N. Seviers.
" " 112. .....W. B. Bell.
" " 114. .....A. L. McMurray.
" " 116. .....C. E. Brooks.

" " 117. .....J. L. Griffin.
" " 118. .....E. E. Misseldine.
" " 118. .....P. H. McDonald.
" " 118. .....W. R. Engle.
" " 120. .....W. B. Gaither.
" " 121. .....L. B. Evans.
" " 123. .....T. L. Chisholm.
" " 125. .....L. G. Patterson.
" " 126. .....S. H. Green.
" " 127. .....A. M. Lattimore.
" " 128. .....J. L. Hare.
" " 129. .....H. S. Ward.
" " 130. .....J. W. Zachary.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 4.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Brothers:—We, the Committee on Credentials, have examined the certificates of the Representatives and find the following entitled to represent their respective Lodges, and recommend that they be recognized as such:

REPRESENTATIVES.

Stonewall, No. 1—Wilmington.
W. F. Robertson 1902

Clarendon, No. 2—Wilmington.
J. F. Littleton.....1902—1903

Centre, No. 3—Raleigh.
C. H. Beine.....1902

Germania, No. 4—Wilmington.
S. Behrends.....1902—1903

Cumberland, No. 5—Fayetteville.
John H. Culbreth.....1902

Ruffin No. 6—Goldsboro.
A. C. Davis.....1902—1903

Athenia, No. 8—New Bern.
J. J. Baxter.....1902—1903

Salisbury, No. 24—Salisbury.
John P. Weber.....1902—1903

Scotland, No. 27—Laurinburg.
A. A. James.....1902

Durham, No. 31—Durham.
J. D. Pridgen.....1902

Pisgah, No. 32—Asheville.
A. S. Barnard.....1902—1903

Maxton, No. 33—Maxton.
Dr. J. D. Croom.....1902

Lumberton, No. 35—Lumberton.
A. E. White.....1902

Rathbone, No. 37—Charlotte.
D. F. Summey, Jr.....1902

Monroe, No. 38—Monroe.
John E. McCarten.....1902—1903

High Point, No. 39—High Point.
C. E. Kellam.....1902

Welcome, No. 40—Tarboro.
T. B. Jacock.....1902—1903

Damon, No. 41—Winston.
A. B. Bynum.....1902

Shelby No. 42—Shelby.
S. E. Gidney.....1902—1903

Liberty, No. 43.—Liberty.
N. A. Kime.....1902

Asheboro, No. 45—Asheboro.
C. A. Pamplin.....1902

Statesville, No. 46—Statesville.
J. G. Powell.....1902—1903

Lincolnton, No. 48—Lincolnton.
R. S. Rheinhardt.....1902—1903

Reidsville, No. 49—Reidsville.
Dr. L. L. Sapp.....1902

Burlington, No. 50—Burlington.
R. M. Morrow.....1902—1903

Concord, No. 51—Concord.
Jas. F. Hurley.....1902

Gastonia, No. 53—Gastonia.
H. B. Moore.....1902

Catawba. No. 54—Hickory.
T. J. Green.....1902—1903

Rowland, No. 55—Rowland.
Dr. Howard Reedy.....1902

Salem, No. 56—Salem.
J. F. Crouse.....1902—1903

Mt. Ida, No. 58—Marion.
Wm. M. Sweeny.....1902—1903

Aberdeen, No. 60—Aberdeen.
.....1902—1903

Jefferson, No. 61—Wilmington.
Robt. S. Collins.....1902

Balsam, No. 62—Waynesville.
F. W. Miller.....1902—1903

Ramseur, No. 63—Ramseur.
O. T. Leonard.....1902

Burke, No. 64—Morganton.
T. G. Cobb.....1902—1903

Zeb Vance, No. 65—Mooresville.
J. R. McLelland.....1902

Kinston, No. 66—Kinston.
L. J. Mewborne.....1902—1903

North Wilkesboro, No. 67—Wilkesboro.
J. T. Finley.....1902

Mt. Holly, No. 68—Mt. Holly.
John W. Holland.....1902—1903

Guilford, No. 69—Greensboro.
J. M. Cunningham.....1902

Henrietta, No. 70—Henrietta.
Dr. J. F. Whisnant.....1902—1903

Lexington, No. 71—Lexington.
A. L. Crissman.....1902

Excelsior, No. 72—Louisburg.
.....1902—1903

Pamlico, No. 73—Washington.
F. C. Kugler.....1902

Waxhaw, No. 74—Waxhaw.
W. R. Steele.....1902—1903

Wadesboro, No. 75—Wadesboro.
H. H. McLendon.....1902

Matthews, No. 77—Matthews.
W. F. Stevens.....1902

Caldwell, No. 78—Lenoir.
S. L. Tuttle.....1902—1903

Greensboro, No. 80—Greensboro.
J. M. Longest.....1902—1903

Norwood, No. 81—Norwood.
A. P. Harris.....1902

Forest City, No. 82—Forest City.
R. E. Biggerstaff.....1902—1903

Charlotte, No. 83—Charlotte.
Frank R. McNinch.....1902

Rocky Mount, No. 84—Rocky Mount.
F. J. Thorpe.....1902—1903

Henderson, No. 85—Henderson.
W. K. Sturges.....1902

Bethania, No. 86—Bethania.
R. E. Transou.....1902—1903.

Contentnea, No. 87—Wilson.
E. A. Darden.....1902

Pittsboro, No. 88—Pittsboro.
A. H. London.....1902—1903

Pineville, No. 89—Pineville.
.....1902

Mecklenburg, No. 90—Charlotte.
W. M. Lyles.....1902—1903

Red Springs, No. 91—Red Springs.
L. M. Cook.....1902

Graham, No. 92—Graham.
Geo. W. Long.....1902—1903

Tar River, No. 93—Greenville.
H. A. White.....1902

Kings Mountain, No. 94—Kings Mountain.
Dr. B. R. Hunter.....1902—1903

Rockingham, No. 95—Rockingham.
Rev. W. R. Coppedge.....1902

Piedmont, No. 96—Elkin.
J. F. Hendren.....1902—1903

Chapel Hill, No. 97—Chapel Hill.
E. S. Merritt.....1902

Troy, No. 98—Troy.
W. A. Cochrane.....1902—1903

Rutherfordton, No. 99—Rutherfordton.
Dr. E. B. Harris.....1902

Rowan, No. 100—Salisbury.
F. R. Brown.....1902—1903

Worthville, No. 101—Worthville.
Dr. C. C. Hubbard.....1902

China Grove, No. 102—China Grove.
J. C. Deaton.....1902—1903

Whetstone, No. 103—Bessemer City.
J. A. Jenkins.....1902

Davidson, No. 104—Davidson.
G. M. Maxwell.....1902—1903

Independence, No. 105—Huntersville.
R. J. Cochrane.....1902

Asheville, No. 106—Asheville.
Mark W. Brown.....1902—1903

Raeford, No. 107—Raeford.
J. W. Johnson.....1902

Southern Pines, No. 108—Southern Pines.
Allen Hall.....1902—1903

East Durham, No. 109—East Durham.
J. N. Cheek.....1902

Walkertown, No. 110.—Walkertown.
V. M. Seivers.....1902—1903

Myrtle, No. 111—Hillsboro.
Dr. J. S. Spurgeon.....1902

Albemarle, No. 112—Albemarle.
Walter B. Bell.....1902—1903

Columbus, No. 114—Columbus.
A. L. McMurray.....1902—1903

Star, No. 115—Star.
R. H. Shaw.....1902

Hendersonville, No. 116—Hendersonville.
C. E. Brooks.....1902—1903

Siler City, No. 117—Siler City.
Jas. L. Griffin.....1902

Tryon, No. 118—Tryon.
E. E. Misseldine.....1902—1903

Caroleen, No. 119—Caroleen.
P. C. Hawkins.....1902

Newton, No. 120—Newton.
W. B. Gaither.....1902—1903

Clarkton, No. 121—Clarkton.
Dr. L. B. Evans.....1902

Elizabeth City, No. 122—Elizabeth City.
W. W. Mann.....1902—1903

Sanford, No. 123—Sanford.
T. L. Chisholm.....1902

Spencer, No. 124—Spencer.
John S. Bryan.....1902—1903

Neuse, No. 125—Smithfield.
L. G. Patterson.....1902

Ellenboro, No. 126—Ellenboro.
S. H. Green.....1902—1903

Lattimore, No. 127—Lattimore.
A. M. Lattimore.....1902

Fremont, No. 128—Fremont.
J. L. Hare.....1902—1903

Roanoke, No. 129—Plymouth.
H. S. Ward.....1902

West Durham, No. 130—West Durham.
Jas. W. Zachary.....1902—1903

We find in receiving the certificates of Past Chancellors and Representatives that many of them are not in due form as prescribed by statutes, though we are satisfied that those herewith reported are duly qualified.

We recommend that the officers of the lodges be impressed with the importance of having all credentials in due form, and that in future the Committee on Credentials be requested not to report any certificate that is not in the proper form.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. W. SMITH, Ch'm,
GEO. C. GOODMAN,
ISAAC LAZARUS.

MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION APPROVED.

On motion, the proceedings of the last annual Convention was approved as printed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS REFERRED.

On motion, the printed reports of the Grand Lodge Officers were referred to a Committee on Distribution, and the Grand Chancellor appointed the following as the Committee: Past Grand Chancellors C. E. Holton, W. S. Cook and E. A. Ebert.

INVITATION TO RECEPTION.

Supreme Representative Webb, on behalf of the Pythians of Asheville, extended an invitation to the Members of the Grand Lodge to a reception at the Casino of the Swannanoa Hotel, immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge this evening, which was accepted with thanks.

RECESS TAKEN.

At 9:30 o'clock the Grand Lodge took recess till 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

RECEPTION TO GRAND LODGE.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the members were conducted to the Casino of the Swannanoa Hotel, which was filled with Asheville's citizens, where a reception was tendered the visiting Knights and their ladies.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday, June 11th.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Chancellor McLoud, with all the officers and Representatives of the following Lodges present:

Lodges No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 24, 27, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130.

TELEGRAM FROM PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR WOODWARD.

The following telegram from Past Grand Chancellor W. J. Woodward, of Wilmington, was read and received with applause:

Document No. 5.

Wilmington, N. C., June, 10, 1902.

To Maj. W. T. Hollowell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Knights of Pythias, Asheville, N. C.:

Knightly greetings to my brothers. The sea billows unite with the mountain peaks in proclaiming the virtues of Pythianism. May your meeting be harmonious and your deliberations for the good of humanity.

W. J. WOODWARD, P. G. C.

TELEGRAM FROM C. F. S. NEAL.

The following telegram from C. F. S. Neal, President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, was read and ordered spread upon the records:

Document No. 6.

Chicago, Ill., June 10.

L. P. McLoud, Grand Chancellor, Care Grand Lodge Convention Hall, Asheville:

Endowment Rank has paid over six hundred thousand dollars to beneficiaries of deceased Knights since January 1, 1902. More than eighteen million dollars has been paid since its organization. North Carolina stands high in this rank of the Order. Hope you are having an enthusiastic and profitable convention.

C. F. S. NEAL, Prest.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BOARD OF CONTROL.

The following extract from a letter to Supreme Master of Exchequer, Thos. D. Meares, from C. F. S. Neal, President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, was read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Document No. 7.

I have admired during my connection with this office the splendid loyalty and enthusiasm of the members of your Domain. There is no more loyal or enthusiastic Domain than North Carolina, and our representative in your State is one of the very best connected with this office. His enthusiasm, energy and zeal are second to none. I wish that all were as active as Brother Royster, of your State. I write this letter to have you say to Brother Royster that his ser-

vices are appreciated, his enthusiasm complimented, and his fidelity approved.

C. F. S. NEAL, President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Distribution, through Past Grand Chancellor Cook, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 8.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Distribution would recommend that the portion of the Grand Chancellor's report relative to Dispensations, be referred to Judiciary Committee; Defunct Lodges, to Committee on State of the Order; Grand Lecturer, to Committee on State of the Order; Report of Judiciary Committee, to the Grand Tribunal; Endowment Rank, to a Special Committee; Orphans' Fund, to the Orphans' Committee, with request that they report some practicable plan for the use of at least the interest of this fund for the relief of such needy orphans as may be entitled thereto; Carolina Pythian, to a Special Committee; Reunion of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, to Finance Committee; Vacancies of the Offices of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, to Committee on Judiciary; District Meetings, to a committee to be composed of all District Deputy Grand Chancellors present at this session; Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Supreme Representatives, to the Committee on State of the Order; Report of Grand Master of Exchequer, to the Finance Committee; Our Dead, to Committee on Necrology.

That the report of the Grand Tribunal in the matter of Guilford Lodge No. 69, against J. E. DeLorme, be approved, but that the Grand Tribunal be requested to report what has been the final disposition of the matter.

W. S. COOK,
C. E. HOLTON.
E. A. EBERT.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee, through Bro. Willson, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

Document No. 9.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Finance Committee respectfully reports that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and

Seal, and the Grand Master of Exchequer, and find the same correct.

The amount on hand belonging to the General Fund is $4,091.52, as stated in the reports of both officers, and the amount belonging to the Orphan Fund is $8,768.15.

We find the books of both officers to have been neatly and accurately kept. For details you are referred to their reports and the trial balance herewith submitted:

TRIAL BALANCE.

Dr.

Sundry Lodge Balances	$ 24 11
John C. Mills, Grand Master of Exchequer	4,091 52
John C. Mills, Grand Master of Exchequer, O. F.	8,768 15
Property Account	122 00
Supplies	182 55
Total	$13.188 33

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Sundry Balance Due Lodges	$ 16 80
Inventory Account	4,400 38
Orphan Fund	8,771 15
Total	$13.188 33

W. W. WILLSON,
For Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The special hour for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellors John Ward of No. 3, and B. M. Jones of No. 32, as Tellers.

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Supreme Representatives Franklin, of No. 37, nominated Grand Vice Chancellor J. L. Scott, of No. 92, and there being no other nominations, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which was done, and Bro. Scott was declared unanimously elected Grand Chancellor.

GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Past Chancellor H. H. Wilson, of No. 66, nominated Past Chancellor Harry W. Whedbee, of No. 93; Past Chancellor E. W. Smith, of No. 84, nominated Grand Master-at-Arms

J. L. Arrington, of No. 84; Past Chancellor Walker Taylor, of No. 2, nominated Past Chancellor L. D. Robinson, of No. 75, and a ballot being taken, resulted in the election of L. D. Robinson by the following vote: Robinson, 77; Arrington, 38; Whedbee, 8.

GRAND PRELATE.

Past Chancellor Whedbee, of No. 93, nominated the present incumbent, Rev. E. D. Brown, of No. 66, and there being no other nominations the G. K. R. S. was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which was done, and Bro. Brown was declared unanimously elected Grand Prelate.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

Past Grand Chancellor R. H. Rickert, of No. 46, nominated the present incumbent, W. T. Hollowell, and there being no other nominations, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which was done, and W. T. Hollowell was declared unanimously elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

Past Chancellor W. W. Willson, of No. 3, nominated the present incumbent, Bro. John C. Mills, of No. 99, and there being no other nomination, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which he did, and Bro. Mills was declared unanimously elected Grand Master of Exchequer.

GRAND MASTER-AT-ARMS.

Past Grand Chancellor Montcastle, of No. 71, nominated Past Chancellor B. Nooe, of 88, and there being no other nomination, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, under instructions, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. Nooe was declared unanimously elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

GRAND INNER GUARD.

Past Chancellor Willson, of No. 3, nominated Past Chancellor J. F. Hurley, of No. 51, and under instructions, the

Grand Master-at-Arms cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. Hurley was declared unanimously elected Grand Inner Guard.

GRAND OUTER GUARD.

Supreme Representative Webb, of No. 32, nominated Past Chancellor F. W. Miller, of No. 62, and there being no other nominations, the Grand Master-at-Arms, under instructions, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. Miller was declared unanimously elected Grand Outer Guard.

RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING ENDOWMENT RANK.

Supreme Master of Exchequer, Thos. D. Meares, presented the following resolution endorsing the management of the Endowment Rank, which was adopted:

Document No. 10.

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, That, in view of the present prosperous and satisfactory condition of the Endowment Rank, we wish to record our appreciation of the business-like management which has produced this result, and to commend to the Pythians of this Domain this branch of our Order as affording them safe and reliable insurance.

CHAS. A. WEBB,
T. S. FRANKLIN,
THOS. D. MEARES,
E. A. EBERT.

PROPOSITION BY THOS. D. MEARES.

The following proposition was offered by Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Document No. 11.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the following section be added to Chapter 1 of the Grand Statutes and numbered 4.

All officers of this Grand Lodge shall be at the time of their election actual bona fide residents of this Grand Domain and shall continue so during their term of office.

Removal of residence from the Domain of any Grand Lodge officer

during his incumbency of the office held by him, shall constitute a forfeiture of his office.

THOS. D. MEARES.

INVITATION TO HOLD NEXT CONVENTION.

The following invitation, presented by Bro. Thos. D. Meares, of Wilmington, was read and unanimously adopted, and Wilmington fixed as next place of meeting:

Document No. 12.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Grand Domain of North Carolina:

That the next convention of this Grand Lodge be held in the City of Wilmington.

THOS. D. MEARES.

TELEGRAM TO SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The following telegram was ordered sent to Supreme Chancellor Ogden H. Fethers, tendering him our sympathy in his afflictions, and showing our appreciation of his able representative, Judge Richardson.

Document No. 13.

To Ogden H. Fethers, Supreme Chancellor:

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, now in session, sends sincere sympathy to you in your indisposition and an earnest desire for your speedy and complete recovery. We welcome with pleasure your able representative, Judge Richardson.

L. P. McLOUD, G. C.

TELEGRAM FROM SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The following telegram was received from the Supreme Chancellor in answer to above:

Document No. 13 1-2.

Janesville, Wis., June 11.

L. P. McLoud, Grand Chancellor Knights Pythias, Asheville, N. C.:

Please express my profound gratitude to the Grand Lodge for its message of comfort and cheer. My love to all.

OGDEN FETHERS,
Supreme Chancellor.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON.

Judge D. C. Richardson, of Virginia, the special deputy of the Supreme Chancellor, was introduced by Supreme Rep-

resentatives C. A. Webb and T. S. Franklin, and he was received with Supreme Honors, after which he addressed the Grand Lodge, and all who heard him felt that they were fortunate in being present.

VOTE OF THANKS.

A vote of thanks was tendered Judge Richardson for his most excellent address.

PAST CHANCELLOR J. T. ROBINSON.

The Grand Chancellor had read a letter from the Grand Chancellor of Arkansas, introducing Bro. J. T. Robinson, of that Domain, and asking that he be heard before the Grand Lodge in the interest of the Pythian Sanitarium, which they are endeavoring to establish at Hot Springs, and on motion, the Grand Lodge unanimously decided to hear him, and he was then introduced by the Grand Chancellor, and Bro. Robinson, who is a fluent and forcible speaker, set forth the claims of the sanitarium.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took recess till 3 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

June 11.

The Lodge was called to order at 3 o'clock by Grand Chancellor McLoud, with all the officers and representatives present:

INVITATION TO TAKE A DRIVE.

Past Chancellor Donald Gillis, of No. 106, on behalf of the Pythians of Asheville, invited the members of the Grand Lodge to accompany them on a drive through Biltmore, the estate of Mr. Geo. Vanderbilt, on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and the invitation was accepted.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

Past Chancellor Alfred Owens, of Lakewood Lodge 132, New Jersey, whose credentials had been passed upon by the Credential Committee and a request made by the Grand Chancellor of New Jersey to confer the rank being read, was introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms and the Grand Lodge Rank was duly conferred upon him.

REPORT OF ORPHAN COMMITTEE.

Bro. P. R. Law, for the Orphan Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 14.

Your Committee on the Orphan Fund would submit its annual report as follows:

It is a source of great gratification to your committee to learn from all quarters of the high and growing appreciation placed upon this cause by the rank and file of the membership in the Domain. It has come to be a part of the warp and woof of the spirit and outworkings of the same in all of our subordinate lodges. One of the verities for which the guild stands in the State is this benevolent undertaking. Strike it down and its very heart would, as it were, be paralyzed. Every Pythian wife and child is closely and tenderly associated with it in thought and purpose. It is felt to be as at no time in the past a sacred fund. The strictest watch over it is demanded. We may say perhaps without over-boldness, that it is inseparable from our life and progress. It is no wonder that so many speak of it to-day with much pride and boasting. The fund as might be expected, grows year after year, with encouraged rapidity. The increase the past year was over $1,200.

FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the fund is seen from the following statement:

Received this year from initiates	$ 486 50
Received this year from Dr. W. T. Parrott	13 00
Received this year from interest	241 97
Received this year from 10 per cent G. L. Tax	503 22
Total	$1,244 69
Balance on hand by last report	7,523 46
Total on hand	$8,768 15

WHERE DEPOSITED.

This fund is now deposited as follows:

In Charlotte National Bank, Charlotte	$3,000 00
In Bank of Lexington, Lexington	5,224 93
In Commercial Bank, Rutherfordton	513 22
Total	$8,786 15

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend:

1. That this Fund be deposited or invested by the Grand Master of Exchequer under the direction of this committee.

2. That this committee be authorized to provide out of the fund for the care of all such children of Pythians in the Domain as need it by placing them at once, upon application, in one or the other of the several orphan homes of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. LAW,
H. J. OVERMAN,
E. F. STRICKLAND.

RESOLUTIONS BY ORPHAN COMMITTEE.

The following resolutions offered by the Orphan Committee, was presented and adopted:

Document No. 14 1-2.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge has at this time set apart as an Orphan Asylum Fund $8,768.15 for the education and support of needy orphans of members of this Order, and

Whereas, This fund should be utilized for said purposes as early as practicable, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor be hereby instructed to appoint a special committee consisting of the chairman of our Orphan Asylum Committee, and two other members of this Grand body, who are Master Masons in good standing, whose duty it shall be to visit the orphan asylum located at Oxford, N. C., within thirty days after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, and examine into the management and condition of said orphan asylum, and if the results of said examination are satisfactory to this committee, they shall, if possible, make arrangements for the opening of a Pythian Ward in said asylum, at the earliest practicable day, in which needy orphan children of our deceased brothers may be placed for their proper care and education.

Resolved, That no more children shall be placed in said asylum at this time than the interest upon the Orphan Asylum Funds of this Grand Lodge will support and educate.

Resolved, That if all arrangements can be made, the committee above named shall notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who shall at once correspond with all the Lodges in this Grand Domain and ascertain if there are any orphans of deceased members that it would be desirable to place in said asylum, with a full report of the conditions and circumstances appertaining to each case, and he shall as soon as the information is received, furnish the same with full particulars, to this special committee, and they shall then decide how many and what children can be admitted to the asylum, and promptly notify the lodges from which the children are to be sent.

Resolved, That this Orphan Fund shall not bear any expense in forwarding children to the asylum, but that said expense shall be borne by the families, or the lodges from which the children are to be forwarded.

Resolved, That the actual expenses, and nothing more, of this special committee to visit Oxford, shall be paid from the Asylum Fund of this Grand Lodge.

THANKS TO DR. W. T. PARROTT.

A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. W. T. Parrott, of Kinston Lodge No. 66, for his donation to the Orphan Fund.

TELEGRAM TO SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The following telegram was sent to Supreme Chancellor Fethers by order of the Grand Lodge:

Document No. 15.

O. H. Fethers, Supreme Chancellor, Janesville, Wis.:

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina extends greetings and congratulations on your successful administration.

REPLY TO TELEGRAM SENT SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

The following is the response to the telegram sent the Supreme Chancellor extending congratulations, which was received after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge:

Document No. 15 1-2.

Janesville, Wis., June 12, 1902.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, care W. T. Hollowell, G. K. R. S., Asheville, N. C.:

I heartily thank you, but the success of my administration is wholly due to the splendid support given me by very nearly our entire membership. The victory is theirs.

OGDEN H. FETHERS,
Supreme Chancellor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Committee on State of the Order, through Bro. H. H. Wilson, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 16.

The Committee on State of the Order, note with pleasure the continued gain in membership, despite the unfavorable conditions prevalent throughout the Supreme and Grand Domains during the past year.

The order shows a net increase of 334 members and six new Lodges, which we consider little short of marvelous when the existing conditions have been taken in consideration. We wish to reiterate that the committee have been badly handicapped in their work during the year by the failure of the District Deputies to furnish them with the reports required by the Grand Statutes.

We wish to call the attention of the District Deputies to that part of the Grand Statutes relating to their duties and recommend that those deputies who do not comply with the provisions therein be not allowed their expenses to the Grand Lodge conventions.

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to defunct lodge at Hamlet is approved. It appears to us that the reason for the suspension of this Lodge is due to the fact that it was organized in a small town, the membership being dependent to a large extent upon transitory residents.

We would recommend that District Deputies be exceedingly cautious in organizing new lodges at small places.

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to the Grand Lecturer, meets with our heartiest approval.

It appears from the report of the Grand Lecturer, that he has made 44 official visits to lodges, including eight District meetings, and we realize that the most excellent condition of our Order today is due to a very great extent, to the work done by the Grand Lecturer and we would recommend the continuance of this office.

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the report of this officer, meets with our warmest commendation. Believing that this Grand Domain will reap much benefit from the attendance of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at the convention of the "Association of the Grand Keepers of Records and Seal" at San Francisco, we would recommend tnat Bro. Hollowell be sent to this meeting at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

One of the most potent factors in the upbuilding and advancement of the cause of Pythianism in our Grand Domain is the Carolina Pythian, and we do most heartily approve what our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says about this excellent publication, and would recommend each Grand Representative make a special

effort to have this paper placed in the hands of every subordinate lodge member, either by subscribing in bulk as a lodge, or by individual subscriptions.

We would urge upon each subordinate lodge the absolute necessity of having the lodge property insured in some good company for their protection in case of loss by fire.

We would recommend that the Grand Chancellor appoint the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal a special committee to confer with other fraternal orders in the State, with a view to obtaining as low rates from the transportation companies as are given other conventions.

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to District Meetings is approved, and we would earnestly recommend their continuance.

That part of the Supreme Representative's report referring to the status of the Endowment Rank, is hereby approved.

We feel that we are only doing this excellent branch of the Order justice when we commend it to the membership at large as a safe medium for the protection of their loved ones.

A. E. McCAUSLAND,
H. H. WILLSON,
SAMUEL KRAMER.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

The following proposition to amend the Constitution was read, and it having the signature of the required number of Representatives, was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Document No. 17.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Section six (6), Article two (2), of the Grand Constitution, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words "in the Month of April," and be further amended by striking out in line six of said article the following words, "of said month," and inserting in lieu and instead thereof the words "in the month of April."

W. F. STEVENS, 77.
J. S. BRYAN, 124.
W. R. STEELE, 74.
NATHAN A. KIME, 43.
A. L. CRISSMAN, 71.
J. S. HENDREN, 96.
R. E. TRANSON, 86.
J. T. FINLEY, 67.
J. M. CUNNINGHAM, 69.
T. J. GREEN, 54.
H. A. WHITE, 93.
WALTER B. BELL, 112.
T. B. JACOCKS, 40.
E. A. DARDEN, 87.

RESOLUTION BY E. W. SMITH.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. E. W. Smith, of No. 84, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Document No. 18.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report an amendment to the Grand Statutes whereby a more prompt and effective system of reports to the Grand Lodge officers and the District Deputies in regard to matters pertaining to the subordinate lodges, may be put in operation.

E. W. SMITH.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 19.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

That portion of the Grand Chancellor's report referring to Dispensations, having been referred to our committee, and having received our careful consideration, is hereby approved.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report on Document 17, amending the Constitution, unanimous consent being given for its consideration, and a vote being taken, it was adopted by the constitutional number (the vote being unanimous).

Document No. 20.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition amending Section 6 of Article 2 of the Grand Constitution be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The District Deputies to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report with reference to District meetings, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 21.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, the District Deputies of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, to whom was referred that part of the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor relating to tne District Meetings, beg leave to report the following, viz.:

That we are of the opinion that the District Meetings are of great benefit to the Order; that they create interest and enthusiasm in the Order; that the social benefit derived from said meetings is of great value to the Order; that said meetings give the members of the subordinate lodges who do not attend the Grand Lodge an opportunity to meet the Grand Lodge officers and each other; that we heartily recommend that said meetings be continued and that all of the lodges be requested to send good delegations to same.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JAS. D. NUTT,	E. W. SMITH,
CHAS. E. McLEAN,	F. L. BUNDY,
W. M. LYLES,	HARRY O. PARKER,
JOHN M. BOYETTE,,	W. C. CRIST,
DR. F. T. MERRIWETHER,	A. A. WHITENER.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.

Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Document No. 21 1-2.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That we appreciate the presence and able address of P. G. C. Jos. T. Robinson, of Arkansas.

THOS. D. MEARES.

RESOLUTION BY REPRESENTATIVE F. R. McNINCH.

Representative F. R. McNinch, of No. 83, offered the following resolution with reference to Pythian Sanitarium, which was adopted:

Document No. 22.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal call upon the sub-

ordinate lodges for another expression as to the propriety of levying a per capita tax of $1.00 for the erection and support of the Sanitarium in Arkansas, in the light of other and new facts recently presented; and that the action of the subordinate lodges be reported back to this Grand Lodge for confirmation or rejection.

F. R. McNINCH.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following reports on that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor referred to them, regarding vacancies in Grand Lodge offices, which was adopted:

Document No. 23.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report regarding vacancies, having been referred to this committee, and after due consideration, we recommend the adoption of the following:

That Chapter 5, Section 4, of the Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina be amended by adding the following to said section, to-wit.: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, caused by death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, as provided by law, then in that event the Past Grand Chancellors in the order of their juniority in point of service, shall act as Grand Chancellor for the remainder of the current term and until said office shall be duly filled by election and installation at the next regular convention of the Grand Lodge.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON,

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Grand Chancellor announced the following as the Special Committee on Endowment Rank, as recommended by the Committee on Distribution: Past Chancellor N. B. Alexander, of No. 5; A. C. Davis, of No. 6, and Mark W. Brown, of No. 32.

DOCUMENT NO 18 RECALLED.

Document No. 18, as offered by Bro. E. W. Smith, of No. 84, with reference to requiring from the lodges a more prompt

and effectual system of reports, was, on motion of Bro. D. F. Summey, of No. 37, recalled from the Judiciary Committee (to whom it had been referred), and that no further action be taken.

DUPLICATE CHARTER FOR LODGE 112.

On motion of Past Chancellor L. D. Robinson, of No. 75, a duplicate charter was ordered issued to Albemarle Lodge No. 112, they having lost their charter by fire some time since.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, and on motion, it was considered by sections.

1. Section relating to salaries of G. K. R. S. and G. M. E., was adopted.

2. Section relating to office rent for G. K. R. S., was adopted.

3. Section relating to clerical expenses of Grand Chancellor, was adopted.

4. Section relating to salary of Grand Lecturer, was, on motion, postponed till the night session.

5. Section relating to appropriation for *Carolina Pythian,* was postponed till night session.

6. Section relating to expenses of G. K. R. S. to the meeting of G. K. R. S., was adopted.

7. Section with reference to expenses of Grand Lecturer, was postponed till night session.

8. Section relating to hotel expenses of Judge Richardson, was adopted.

Document No. 24.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we recommend:

1. That the salaries of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer remain as during the past year, namely, $500 to the former and $50 to the latter.

2. We recommend that the payment of $5.00 per month rent for the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be continued.

3. We recommend that $300 to the Grand Chancellor for clerical assistance be continued.

4. We recommend $600 to be placed at the disposal of the Grand Chancellor for the Grand Lecturer.

5. We recommend the appropriation of $250 to the Carolina Pythian.

6. We recommend that the actual expenses be paid the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to the meeting of Grand Keepers of Records and Seal at San Francisco.

7. We recommend that the actual expenses of the Grand Lecturer be paid.

8. Hotel expenses of Judge Richardson be paid.

J. H. HOFFMAN,
W. W. WILLSON,
W. A. HUNT.

DATE FOR NEXT CONVENTION FIXED.

On motion of Past Chancellor H. W. Whedbee, of No. 93, the next convention of the Grand Lodge will be held on the second Tuesday in June, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m., the city of Wilmington having already been selected by resolution.

VOTE OF THANKS TO JUDGE RICHARDSON.

On motion, the Grand Lodge tendered to Supreme Representative D. C. Richardson, of Virginia, a rising vote of thanks, as an appreciation of his presence, and of his able talk before the Grand Lodge.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion, a recess was taken till 8 p. m.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

Wednesday, June 11th.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 8 o'clock, Grand Chancellor McLoud in the chair, with all the officers and representatives present.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sections 4, 5 and 7 of the Finance Committee, Document 24, consideration of which was postponed to this session, was taken up as unfinished business.

Section 4, relating to the salary of Grand Lecturer, in

which the committee recommend $600, was amended by Representative Robinson, of No. 1, making the amount same as last year, $350.00, and the amendment was adopted.

Section 5, as reported by the committee, with reference to appropriation to *Carolina Pythian,* was considered and adopted.

Section 7, with reference to expenses of Grand lecturer as reported by the committee, was considered and adopted.

On motion, the report of the committee as amended, was adopted as a whole.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Representative Summey, of No. 37, the Grand Lodge took a recess till Thursday morning, to meet immediately after the drive over Biltmore, the estate of Mr. Vanderbilt.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, June 12th.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 12 o'clock, Grand Chancellor McLoud in the chair, with all the officers and a quorum of the representatives present.

RESOLUTION BY A. C. DAVIS.

Representative A. C. Davis, of No. 6, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Document No. 25.

Whereas, Ruffin Lodge Knights of Pythias, located at the city of Goldsboro, State of North Carolina, own land in said city of Goldsboro, and

Whereas, It is the purpose of said Ruffin Lodge to erect a building or buildings on said land owned by said Lodge,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, in convention assembled in the city of Asheville, N. C.:

Section 1. That said Ruffin Lodge Knights of Pythias be, and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to buy and sell land, and all other kinds of property, be the same real or personal, to erect

buildings and to mortgage the property of said Lodge, to issue bonds and to do any and all other things which said Ruffin Lodge may deem necessary in the management of its property.

Sec. 2. That this resolution is adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the sole purpose of granting necessary power to said Ruffin Lodge to manage and control its property as hereinbefore set forth, and said resolution shall in no way be construed or binding upon the Grand Lodge in so far as it relates to any debts, liabilities or contract of said Ruffin Lodge. That is to say the Grand Lodge Knight of Pythias in no way, either directly or indirectly remotely or proximately assume any liabilities whatsoever of said Ruffin Lodge Knights of Pythias.

This 12th day of June, 1902.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Representative F. R. McNinch, of No. 83, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Document No. 26.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That we do most heartily thank the great-hearted Pythians of Asheville for their manifold acts of Knightly courtesy extended the members of this Grand Lodge and their lady friends, and we assure them that their generous hospitality has contributed materially to the pleasure of the members of the Grand Lodge during its session in their city.

Also that we sincerely thank the Asheville Club, the Elks' Club and Mr. Vanderbilt for the privileges so generously extended the members of this Grand Lodge.

F. R. McNINCH.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Bro. N. B. Alexander, for the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report with reference to the Endowment Rank, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 27.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report relative to the Endowment Rank, beg to commend the same to the members of the Order. We believe it to be

one of the strong features of the Order, and if the membership could be induced to support it more liberally, that it would, to a great extent, solve the vexing question of suspension for non-payment of dues. We believe the Endowment Rank to be in excellent condition, and heartily recommend same.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. ALEXANDER,
A. C. DAVIS,
MARK W. BROWN.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report on Document No. 11, and unanimous consent having been given for its consideration, it was adopted:

Document No. 28.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition No. 11, by Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, amending Title one, Chapter one, by adding a section to be designated as Section No. 4, be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
F. D. ROBINSON.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee presented the following as expenses of the Grand Lodge Convention, and recommended that the amounts be paid. Report adopted.

Document No. 30.

No.	Name.	Place.	Amount.
1.	W. F. Robertson	Wilmington	$ 27 60
2.	J. F. Littleton	Wilmington	25 10
3.	C. H. Beine	Raleigh	17 50
4.	S. Behrends	Wilmington	27 60
5.	J. H. Culbreth	Fayetteville	22 75
6.	A. C. Davis	Goldsboro	22 30
8.	J. J. Baxter	New Bern	27 60
24.	John P. Webber	Salisbury	10 85
27.	A. A. James	Laurinburg	19 55
31.	J. D. Pridgen	Durham	19 05
32.	A. S. Barnard	Asheville	
33.	J. D. Croom	Maxton	21 75
35.	A. W. White	Lumberton	23 40
37.	D. F. Summey, Jr	Charlotte	12 50

38.	J. E. McCarten	Monroe	18 00
39.	C. E. McCallum	High Point	11 45
40.	T. B. Jacock	Tarboro	23 15
41.	A. B. Bynum	Winston	17 35
42.	S. E. Gidney	Shelby	15 40
43.	N. A. Kime	Liberty	18 10
45.	C. A. Pamplin	Asheboro	13 70
46.	J. G. Powell	Statesville	10 75
48.	R. S. Reinhardt	Lincolnton	11 95
49.	Dr. L. L. Sapp	Reidsville	13 80
50.	R. M. Morrow	Burlington	16 85
51.	J. F. Hurley	Concord	13 20
53.	H. B. Moore	Gastonia	11 15
54.	T. J. Green	Hickory	9 65
55.	Dr. Howard Reedy	Rowland	17 50
56.	J. A. Crouse	Salem	17 43
58.	Wm. M. Sweeney	Marion	6 25
61.	R. S. Collins	Wilmington	25 60
62.	F. W. Miller	Waynesville	8 85
63.	O. T. Leonard	Ramseur	18 50
64.	T. G. Cobb	Morganton	8 55
65.	J. R. McLelland	Mooresville	12 20
66.	L. J. Mewborne	Kinston	23 95
67.	J. T. Finley	Wilkesboro	16 80
68.	Jno. W. Holland	Mt. Holly	14 55
69.	Jno. M. Cunningham	Greensboro	15 00
70.	J. F. Whisnant	Henrietta	13 85
71.	A. L. Crissman	Lexington	12 85
73.	F. C. Kugler	Washington	27 85
74.	W. R. Steele	Waxhaw	17 55
75.	H. H. McLendon	Wadesboro	19 70
77.	W. F. Stephens	Matthews	15 15
78.	S. S. Tuttle	Lenoir	11 95
80.	J. M. Longest	Greensboro	13 40
81.	A. P. Harris	Norwood	15 20
82.	R. E. Biggerstaff	Forest City	10 05
83.	F. R. McNinch	Charlotte	10 85
84.	F. J. Thorpe	Rocky Mount	24 55
85.	W. K. Sturges	Henderson	21 25
86.	R. E. Transon	Bethania	16 25
87.	E. A. Darden	Wilson	21 60
88.	A. H. London	Pittsboro	22 35
90.	W. M. Lyles	Charlotte	11 10
91.	L. M. Cook	Red Springs	20 45
92.	G. W. Long	Graham	16 20
93.	H. A. White	Greenville	28 00
94.	B. R. Hunter	Kings Mountain	9 75

95.	W. R. Coppedge	Rockingham	16 47
96.	J. F. Hendren	Elkin	17 55
97.	E. S. Merritt	Chapel Hill	19 40
98.	W. A. Cochrane	Troy	20 55
99.	Dr. E. B. Harris	Rutherfordton	11 35
100.	F. R. Brown	Salisbury	11 97
101.	C. C. Hubbard	Worthville	14 65
102.	J. C. Deaton	China Grove	13 25
103.	J. A. Jenkins	Bessemer City	
104.	G. W. Maxwell	Davidson	11 80
105.	R. J. Cochran	Huntersville	13 95
106.	M. W. Brown	Asheville	
107.	J. W. Johnson	Raiford	21 75
108.	Allen Hall	Southern Pines	23 45
109.	J. N. Cheek	East Durham	15 20
110.	V. N. Seviers	Walkertown	14 75
111.	J. S. Spurgeon	Hillsboro	22 00
112.	Walter B. Bell	Albemarle	14 80
114.	A. F. McMurray	Columbus	8 25
115.	R. H. Shaw	Star	18 60
116.	C. C. Brooks	Hendersonville	5 60
117.	J. L. Griffin	Siler City	17 70
118.	E. E. Misseldine	Tryon	6 25
119.	P. C. Hawkins	Caroleen	13 85
120.	W. B. Gaither	Newton	10 45
121.	Dr. L. B. Evans	Clarkton	23 10
122.	W. W. Mann	Elizabeth City	
123.	T. L. Chisholm	Sanford	18 90
124.	Jno. S. Bryan	Spencer	10 85
125.	L. G. Patterson	Smithfield	18 20
126.	S. H. Green	Ellenboro	10 30
127.	A. M. Lattimore	Lattimore	11 10
128.	J. L. Hare	Fremont	24 85
129.	H. S. Ward	Plymouth	29 95
130.	Jas. W. Zachary	West Durham	18 80

Grand Tribunal.

J. D. McCall	Charlotte	11 60
C. R. Barker	Salisbury	10 85

Judiciary.

Walker Taylor	Wilmington	27 60
H. W. Whedbee	Greenville	28 00
L. D. Robinson	Wadesboro	18 20

Foreign Correspondent.

N. B. Alexander	Fayetteville	23 75

S. R., C. A. Webb	Asheville	1 50
S. R., T. S. Franklin	Charlotte	10 00
G. C., L. McLoud	Asheville	
G. V. C., J. S. Scott, Jr	Graham	17 85
P., E. D. Brown	Kinston	24 00
G. K. R. & S., W. T. Hollowell	Goldsboro	23 85
G. M. of E., J. C. Mills	Rutherfordton	13 85
M. at A., J. L. Arrington	Rocky Mount	25 10
I. G., B. Nooe	Pittsboro	22 35
O. G., D. H. Collins	Greensboro	15 00
1. D. D., J. D. Nutt	Wilmington	27 60
3. D. D., C. E. McLean	Burlington	19 10
4. D. D., F. L. Bundy	Laurinburg	19 55
6. D. D., Harry O. Parker	Southern Pines	
7. D. D., J. M. Boyette	Albemarle	15 30
8. D. D., W. C. Crist	Salem	15 75
9. D. D., A. A. Whitener	Hickory	9 55
10. D. D., Dr. F. T. Merriwether	Asheville	
11. C. G. Smith, Ass't G. K. R. S.	Goldsboro	21 85
Supreme Deputy Richardson		8 00
Janitor		2 50

State of the Order.

E. A. McCausland	Charlotte	12 50
H. H. Wilson	Kinston	23 55
Samuel Kramer	Durham	16 40

Finance.

J. H. Hoffman	Statesville	14 50
W. W. Willson	Raleigh	23 40
W. A. Hunt	Henderson	22 30

Orphans.

P. R. Law	Red Spring	26 80
H. J. Overman	Salisbury	10 85
E. F. Strickland	Bethania	16 25

Credentials.

E. W. Smith	Rocky Mount	25 15
Isaac Lazarus	Morganton	9 75
Geo. C. Goodman	Mooresville	12 30

Past Grand Chancellors.

W. S. Cook	Fayetteville	22 75
E. A. Ebert	Winston	16 80

John Haar	Wilmington	26 60
C. E. Holton	Greensboro	14 90
T. D. Meares	Wilmington	27 60
R. H. Rickert	Statesville	12 00
G. W. Montcastle	Lexington	16 60
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

By invitation, Deputy Supreme Chancellor D. C. Richardson, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor E. A. Ebert as Supreme Prelate, and Past Grand Chancellor W. S. Cook as Supreme Master-at-Arms, installed the following Grand Lodge officers:

Grand Chancellor	J. L. Scott.
Grand Vice Chancellor	L. D. Robinson.
Grand Prelate	Rev. E. D. Brown
Grand Keeper of Records & Seal	W. T. Hollowell.
Grand Master of Exchequer	John C. Mills.
Grand Master-at-Arms	B. Nooe.
Grand Inner Guard	J. F. Hurley.

Grand Outer Guard-elect F. W. Miller, was reported as being sick and unable to be present, and the Grand Chancellor was instructed to install him during recess.

CLERICAL EXPENSES ALLOWED.

On motion of Bro. Hoffman, Bro. L. P. McLoud was allowed $25.00 as clerical expenses for two months, as the term just closed was a fourteen months' term.

NOMINATION OF GRAND TRIBUNE.

The term of C. R. Barker, as one of the Grand Tribunal, having expired, Grand Chancellor Scott reappointed him for a term of three years, and the nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Grand Chancellor Scott appointed the following Standing Committees:

Judiciary Committee.

WALKER TAYLOR, Wilmington.
HARRY W. WHEDBEE, Greenville.
A. S. BARNARD, Asheville.

Committee on State of the Order.

A. E. McCAUSLAND, Charlotte.
H. H. WILSON, Kinston.
SAMUEL KRAMER, Durham.

Finance Committee.

J. H. HOFFMAN, Statesville.
W. W. WILLSON, Raleigh.
W. A. HUNT, Henderson.

Orphan Committee.

REV. P. R. LAW, Red Springs.
H. J. OVERMAN, Salisbury.
E. F. STRICKLAND, Bethania.

Committee on Credentials.

GEO. C. GOODMAN, Mooresville.
E. W. SMITH, Rocky Mount.
DR. E. B. HARRIS, Rutherfordton.

Foreign Correspondent.

N. B. ALEXANDER, Fayetteville.

CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE.

At 1:15 o'clock p. m., the business of the Grand Lodge having all been attended to, the Grand Prelate invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Amendments to the Constitution and Grand Statutes.

The present Constitution and Statutes were adopted at the annual Convention in 1895, and all amendments that were made to same, up to and including the Convention of 1899, were incorporated in the present Grand Constitution and Statutes, and same printed in their present shape.

For amendments to same, since that time, is the following:

CONVENTION OF 1900.

No changes were made.

CONVENTION OF 1901.

The following is the changes at the Convention held at Greensboro in June, 1901:

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report, and a roll call showed that it received the required two-thirds vote and was declared adopted.

Document No. 7.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition amending Section 6 of Article 2 of the Grand Constitution, be amended by striking out the word "May" in the third line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "June," and that the same be further amended by adding after the word "June" the following: "Provided that the foregoing amendment shall only apply to meeting of the Grand Lodge in the year 1902."

WALKER TAYLOR,
J. D. McCALL,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
Judiciary Committee.

PROPOSITION BY A. E. McCAUSLAND.

The following proposition, offered by A. E. McCausland at the last Convention of the Grand Lodge, as Document No.

35, and carried over to this Convention, was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the words "and District Deputy Grand Chancellors" be inserted after the word "Chancellors" in third line of Section 2, Chapter 7, Grand Statutes.

A. E. McCAUSLAND, No. 37.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 9.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Proposition by A. E. McCausland amending Section 2, Chapter 7, of the Grand Statutes, having been duly considered, we recommend that the same be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
J. D. McCALL,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
Judiciary Committee.

CONVENTION OF 1902.

The following amendments were adopted at the annual Convention held at Asheville in June, 1902:

PROPOSITION BY THOS. D. MEARES.

The following proposition was offered by Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Document No. 11.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the following section be added to Chapter 1 of the Grand Statutes and numbered 4.

All officers of this Grand Lodge shall be at the time of their election actual bona fide residents of this Grand Domain and shall continue so during their term of office.

Removal of residence from the Domain of any Grand Lodge officer during his incumbency of the office held by him, shall constitute a forfeiture of his office.

THOS. D. MEARES.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report on Document No. 11, and unanimous consent having been given for its consideration, it was adopted:

Document No. 28.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition No. 11, by Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, amending Title one, Chapter one, by adding a section to be designated as Section No. 4, be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

The following proposition to amend the Constitution was read, and it having the signature of the required number of Representatives, was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Document No. 17.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Section six (6), Article two (2), of the Grand Constitution, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words "in the Month of April," and be further amended by striking out in line six of said article the following words, "of said month," and inserting in lieu and instead thereof the words "in the month of April."

W. F. STEVENS, 77.
J. S. BRYAN, 124.
W. R. STEELE, 74.
NATHAN A. KIME, 43.
A. L. CRISSMAN, 71.
J. S. HENDREN, 96.
R. E. TRANSON, 86.
J. T. FINLEY, 67.
J. M. CUNNINGHAM, 69.
T. J. GREEN, 54.
H. A. WHITE, 93.
WALTER B. BELL, 112.
T. B. JACOCKS, 40.
E. A. DARDEN, 87.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report on Document 17, amending the Constitution, unanimous consent being given for its consideration, and a vote being taken,

it was adopted by the constitutional number (the vote being unanimous).

Document No. 20.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition amending Section 6 of Article 2 of the Grand Constitution be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report on that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor referred to them, regarding vacancies in Grand Lodge offices, which was adopted:

Document No. 23.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report regarding vacancies, having been referred to this committee, and after due consideration, we recommend the adoption of the following:

That Chapter 5, Section 4, of the Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina be amended by adding the following to said section, to-wit.: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, caused by death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, as provided by law, then in that event the Past Grand Chancellors in the order of their juniority in point of service, shall act as Grand Chancellor for the remainder of the current term and until said office shall be duly filled by election and installation at the next regular convention of the Grand Lodge.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

Districts of the Grand Domain of North Carolina

With the Lodges and District Deputy Grand Chancellors in charge, together with the Deputy of Each Lodge.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

D. D. G. C., J. C. Morrison, of Wilmington.

Lodge. No.

1. Stonewall, Wilmington—C. D. Yarborough.
2. Clarendon, Wilmington—J. F. Littleton.
4. Germania, Wilmington—J. Duls.
61. Jefferson, Wilmington—E. H. Munson.
12. Clarkton, Clarkton—M. B. McCauley.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

D. D. G. C., John L. Arrington, Rocky Mount Lodge, No. 84, Rocky Mount.

Lodge No.

6. Ruffin, Goldsboro—J. J. Robinson.
8. Athenia, New Bern—J. J. Baxter.
40. Welcome, Tarboro—R. E. L. Cook.
66. Kinston, Kinston—R. B. West.
73. Pamlico, Washington—F. C. Kugler.
84. Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount—W. E. Chevasse.
87. Contentnea, Wilson—E. P. Mangum.
93. Tar River, Greenville—E. A. Moye.
122. Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City—W. W. Mann.
125. Neuse, Smithfield—W. R. Long.
128. Fremont, Fremont—J. L. Hare.
129. Plymouth, Plymouth—Clarence Latham.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

D. D. G. C., Charles E. McLean, Burlington Lodge No. 50, Burlington.

Lodge No.

3. Centre, Raleigh—W. B. Grimes.
31. Durham, Durham—W. M. Yearby.
50. Burlington, Burlington—J. M. Hayes.
72. Excelsior, Louisburg—Dr. J. E. Malone.
85. Henderson, Henderson—W. K. Sturges.
88. Pittsboro, Pittsboro—A. H. London.
92. Graham, Graham—McBride Holt.
97. Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill—S. L. Herndon.
109. East Durham, East Durham—J. N. Cheek.
111. Myrtle, Hillsboro—Dr. J. S. Spurgeon.
130. West Durham, West Durham—Jas. W. Zachary.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

D. D. G. C., W. C. Holland, Cumberland Lodge No. 5, Fayetteville.

Lodge No.

5. Cumberland, Fayetteville—R. G. Haigh.
27. Scotland, Laurinburg—W. H. McLaurin.
33. Maxton, Maxton—J. W. Carter.
35. Lumberton, Lumberton—A. E. White.
55. Rowland, Rowland—W. W. McCormick.
91. Red Springs, Red Springs—J. S. Jones.
107. Raeford, Raeford—J. W. Johnson.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

D. D. G. C., W. M. Lyles, Mecklenburg Lodge No. 90, Charlotte.

Lodge No.

37. Rathbone, Charlotte—J. G. Baird.
46. Statesville, Statesville—J. H. Hoffman.
51. Concord, Concord—R. L. McConnell.
53. Gastonia, Gastonia—Robert Lee Durham.
65. Zeb Vance, Mooresville—Dr. J. R. McClelland.
68. Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly—Dr. E. C. Boyette.
77. Matthews, Matthews—J. A. Stevens.
83. Charlotte, Charlotte—J. T. Porter.
89. Pineville, Pineville—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle.
90. Mecklenburg, Charlotte—T. W. Dixon.
94. Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain—Dr. L. A. Bikle.
103. Whetstone, Bessemer City—J. A. Jenkins.
104. Davidson, Davidson—Rev. A. T. Graham.
105. Independence, Huntersville—W. H. Houston.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

D. D. G. C., H. H. McLendon, Wadesboro Lodge No. 75, Wadesboro.

Lodge No.

38. Monroe, Monroe—John E. McCarten.
74. Waxhaw, Waxhaw—F. A. Kraus.
75. Wadesboro, Wadesboro—W. L. Marshall.
60. Aberdeen, Aberdeen—J. Mc. Johnston.
95. Rockingham, Rockingham—Y. P. Entwistle.
98. Troy, Troy—Ben. T. Wade.
108. Southern Pines, Southern Pines—H. O. Parker.
123. Sanford, Sanford—S. P. Hatch.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

D. D. G. C., John M. Boyette, Albemarle Lodge No. 112, Albemarle.

Lodge No.

24. Salisbury, Salisbury—J. P. Weber.
39. High Point, High Point—C. E. Kellam.

45. Asheboro, Asheboro—C. A. Pamplin.
71. Lexington, Lexington—A. L. Crissman.
81. Norwood, Norwood—Dr. T. A. Haithcock.
100. Rowan, Salisbury—H. T. Simpson.
101. Worthville, Worthville—R. W. Giles.
102. China Grove, China Grove—Dr. G. A. Ramseur.
112. Albemarle, Albemarle—Walter B. Bell.
115. Star, Star—J. G. Stout.
124. Spencer, Spencer—J. S. Bryan.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

D. D. G. C., W. C. Crist, Salem Lodge No. 56, Winston-Salem.

Lodge No.

41. Damon, Winston—J. H. Foote, Jr.
43. Liberty, Liberty—J. R. Smith.
49. Reidsville, Reidsville—W. B. Dove.
56. Salem, Salem—J. F. Crouse.
63. Ramseur, Ramseur—O. T. Leonard.
67. North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro—J. L. Clements.
69. Guilford, Greensboro—J. A. Gilmer.
80. Greensboro, Greensboro—J. N. Longest.
86. Bethania, Bethania—T. E. Kapp.
96. Piedmont, Elkin—J. D. Bell.
110. Walkertown, Walkertown—V. M. Seviers.
117. Siler City, Siler City—Dr. J. D. Edwards.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

D. D. G. C., A. A. Whitener, Catawba Lodge No. 54, Hickory

Lodge No.

42. Shelby, Shelby—S. E. Gidney.
48. Lincolnton, Lincolnton—H. S. Hyman.
54. Catawba, Hickory—C. M. Shuford.
58. Mt. Ida, Marion—W. F. Wood.
64. Burke, Morganton—J. C. Estes.
70. Henrietta, Henrietta—D. D. Fortune.
78. Caldwell, Lenoir—B. G. Johnson.
82. Forest City, Forest City—Dr. A. J. Whisnant.
99. Rutherfordton, Rutherfordton—John W. Simpson.
119. Caroleen, Caroleen—P. C. Hawkins.
120. Newton, Newton—Wm. B. Gaither.
126. Ellenboro, Ellenboro—O. R. Coefield.
127. Lattimore, Lattimore—J. B. Lattimore.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

D. D. G. C., Donald Gillis, Asheville Lodge No. 106, Asheville.

Lodge No.

32. Pisgah, Asheville—Zeb. Weaver.
62. Balsam, Waynesville—J. D. Boone.
106. Asheville, Asheville—Mark W. Brown.
114. Columbus, Columbus—A. F. McMurray.
116. Hendersonville, Hendersonville—M. L. Shipman.
118. Tryon, Tryon—Dr. Earl Grady.

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Supreme Outer Guard, John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.
President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, C. F. S. Neal, Fisher Building, Chicago, Ill.
Major-General of the Uniform Rank, James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Next biennial convention, San Francisco, Cal., Tuesday, August 12, 1902.

ROSTER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1901--1902.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Name.	Lodge.	Honors Attained.	When.
A. L. Blow	Tar River, No. 93	By Service	1875
W. C. Troy	Cumberland, No. 5	By Service	1876
John Haar	Germania, No. 4	By German D. G. C.	1880
W. T. Hollowell	Ruffin, No. 6	By Service	1885
Nathan O'Berry	Ruffin, No. 6	By Service	1888
T. D. Meares	Stonewall, No. 1	By Service	1889--'90
W. S. Cook	Cumberland, No. 5	By Service	1892
C. D. Benbow	Greensboro, No. 80	By Service	1893
E. A. Ebert	Damon, No. 41	By Service	1894
C. E. Holton	Greensboro, No. 80	By Service	1895
C. A. Webb	Pisgah, No. 32	By Service	1896
W. Catlett	Clarendon, No. 3	By Service	1897
R. H. Rickert	Statesville, No. 46	By Service	1898
T. S. Franklin	Charlotte, No. 37	By Service	1899
W. J. Woodward	Jefferson, No. 61	By Service	1900
G. W. Montcastle	Lexington, No. 71	By Service	1901
L. P. McLoud	Pisgah, No. 32	By Service	1902

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T. S. Franklin.....No. 37.....Charlotte

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C. R. BARKER, Salisbury.
D. J. HILL, Lexington.

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ROSTER OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

STONEWALL NO. 1.
Wilmington, New Hanover County.
Meets on Monday night.
W. F. Robertson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CLARENDON NO. 2.
Wilmington, New Hanover County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
J. F. Littleton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CENTER, NO. 3.
Raleigh, Wake County.
Meets on Monday night.
L. W. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

GERMANIA, No. 4.
Wilmington, New Hanover County.
Meets on Thursday night.
John Haar, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CUMBERLAND, No. 5.
Fayetteville, Cumberland County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
W. C. Holland, Keeper of Records and Seal.

RUFFIN, No. 6.
Goldsboro, Wayne County.
Meets on Friday night.
John H. Hill, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ATHENIA, No. 8.
New Bern, Craven County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
J. H. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SALISBURY, No. 24.
Salisbury, Rowan County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
P. H. Meroney, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SCOTLAND, No. 27.
Laurinburg, Scotland County.
Meets on Wednesday night.
W. H. McLaurin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

DURHAM, No. 31.
Durham, Durham County.
Meets on Thursday night.
F. W. Woodward, Keeper of Records and Seal.

PISGAH, No. 32.
Asheville, Buncombe County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
B. M. Jones, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MAXTON, No. 33.
Maxton, Robeson County.
Meets on Monday night.
J. W. Carter, Keeper of Records and Seal.

LUMBERTON, No. 35.
Lumberton, Robeson County.
Meets on Friday night.
A. H. McLeod, Jr., Keeper of Records and Seal.

RATHBONE, No. 37.
Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on Thursday night.
A. E. McCausland, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MONROE, No. 38.
Monroe, Union County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
S. J. Welsh, Keeper of Records and Seal.

HIGH POINT, No. 39.
High Point, Guilford County.
Meets on Thursday night.
J. W. Wilborn, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WELCOME, No. 40.
Tarboro, Edgecombe County.
Meets on Thursday night.
W. O. Howard, Keeper of Records and Seal.

DAMON, No. 41.
Winston, Forsyth County.
Meets on Thursday night.
E. L. Rawley, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SHELBY, No. 42.
Shelby, Cleveland County.
Meets on Thursday night.
H. D. Wilson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

LIBERTY, No. 43.
Liberty, Randolph County.
Meets on Saturday night.
T. C. Amick, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ASHEBORO, No. 45.
Asheboro, Randolph County.
Meets on Monday night.
C. H. Rush, Keeper of Records and Seal.

STATESVILLE, No. 46.
Statesville, Iredell County.
Meets on Thursday night.
Sol. L. Clark, Keeper of Records and Seal.

LINCOLNTON, No. 48.
Lincolnton, Lincoln County.
Meets on Thursday night.
S. W. McKee, Keeper of Records and Seal.

REIDSVILLE, No. 49.
Reidsville, Rockingham County.
Meets on Monday night.
P. H. Neal, Keeper of Records and Seal.

BURLINGTON, No. 50.
Burlington, Alamance County.
Meets on Thursday night.
L. B. Williamson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONCORD, No. 51.
Concord, Cabarrus County.
Meets on Friday night.
H. M. Weir, Keeper of Records and Seal.

GASTONIA, No. 53.
Gastonia, Gaston County.
Meets on Monday night.
S. A. Robinson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CATAWBA, No. 54.
Hickory, Catawba County.
Meets on Thursday night.
Geo. W. Hall, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ROWLAND, No. 55.
Rowland, Robeson County.
Meets on Thursday night.
Milton Lytch, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SALEM, No. 56.
Salem, Forsyth County.
Meets on Monday night.
B. Wurreschke, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MOUNT IDA, No. 58.
Marion, McDowell County.
Meets on Thursday night.
A. Blanton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ABERDEEN, No. 60.
Aberdeen, Moore County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
William W. Maurer, Keeper of Records and Seal.

JEFFERSON, No. 61.
Wilmington, New Hanover County.
Meets on Wednesday night.
H. E. Bonitz, Keeper of Records and Seal.

BALSAM, No. 62.
Waynesville, Haywood County.
Meets on first and third Tuesday nights
Geo. Pegus, Keeper of Records and Seal.

RAMSEUR, No. 63.
Ramseur, Randolph County.
Meets on second Tuesday and fourth Saturday nights.
O. T. Leonard, Keeper of Records and Seal.

BURKE, No. 64.
Morganton, Burke County.
Meets on second and fourth Monday nights.
C. L. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ZEB VANCE, No. 65.
Mooresville, Iredell County.
Meets on Monday night.
J. F. Brawley, Keeper of Records and Seal.

KINSTON, No. 66.
Kinston, Lenoir County.
Meets on Thursday night.
L. J. Mewborne, Keeper of Records and Seal.

NORTH WILKESBORO, No. 67.
North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County.
Meets on Monday night.
T. W. Eller, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MOUNT HOLLY, No. 68.
Mount Holly, Gaston County.
Meets on first and third Friday nights.
E. C. Boyette, Keeper of Records and Seal.

GUILFORD, No. 69.
Greensboro, Guilford County.
Meets on Friday night.
A. J. Williams, Keeper of Records and Seal.

HENRIETTA, No. 70.
Henrietta, Rutherford County.
Meets on Friday night.
M. A. Walden, Keeper of Records and Seal.

LEXINGTON, No. 71.
Lexington, Davidson County.
Meets on Wednesday night.
Harlee McCall, Keeper of Records and Seal.

EXCELSIOR, No. 72.
Louisburg, Franklin County.
Meets on Monday night.
F. H. Allen, Keeper of Records and Seal.

PAMLICO, No. 73.
Washington, Beaufort County.
Meets on Thursday night.
A. Mayo, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WAXHAW, No. 74.
Waxhaw, Union County.
Meets on second and fourth Tuesday nights.
W. R. Steele, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WADESBORO, No. 75.
Wadesboro, Anson County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
H. H. McLendon, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MATTHEWS, No. 77.
Matthews, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on second and fourth Tuesday nights.
B. G. Johnson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

GREENSBORO, No. 80.
Greensboro, Guilford County.
Meets on Monday night.
C. C. McLean, Keeper of Records and Seal.

NORWOOD, No. 81.
Norwood, Stanley County.
Meets on Thursday night.
W. C. Kendall, Keeper of Records and Seal.

FOREST CITY, No. 82.
Forest City, Rutherford County.
Meets on Monday night.
E. E. Lowrance, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHARLOTTE, No. 83.
Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
W. G. Lake, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ROCKY MOUNT, No. 84.
Rocky Mount, Nash and Edgecombe Counties.
Meets on Monday night.
S. P. Wood, Keeper of Records and Seal.

HENDERSON, No. 85.
Henderson, Vance County.
Meets on Monday night.
P. T. Jones, Keeper of Records and Seal.

BETHANIA, No. 86.
Bethania, Forsyth County.
Meets on Saturday night.
E. F. Strickland, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONTENTNEA, No. 87.
Wilson, Wilson County.
Meets on Thursday night.
W. G. Lucas, Keeper of Records and Seal.

PITTSBORO, No. 88.
Pittsboro, Chatham County.
Meets on first and third Thursday nights.
G. R. Pilkington, Keeper of Records and Seal.

PINEVILLE, No. 89.
Pineville, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on second and fourth Monday nights.
W. M. Morrow, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MECKLENBURG, No. 90.
Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on Friday night.
T. W. Dixon, Keeper of Records and Seal.

RED SPRINGS, No. 91.
Red Springs, Robeson County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
J. S. Jones, Keeper of Records and Seal.

GRAHAM, No. 92.
Graham, Alamance County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
Robert L. Holmes, Keeper of Records and Seal.

TAR RIVER. No. 93.
Greenville. Pitt County.
Meets on Friday night.
John Horne, Keeper of Records and Seal.

KING'S MOUNTAIN, No. 94.
King's Mountain, Cleveland County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
T. W. Kendrick, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ROCKINGHAM, No. 95.
Rockingham, Richmond County.
Meets on Thursday night.
W. L. Steele, Keeper of Records and Seal.

PIEDMONT, No. 96.
Elkin, Surry County.
Meets on Thursday night.
W. M. Bell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPEL HILL No. 97.
Chapel Hill, Orange County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
W. E. Lindsay, Keeper of Records and Seal.

TROY, No. 98.
Troy, Montgomery County.
Meets on Monday night.
H. C. Daniel, Keeper of Records and Seal.

RUTHERFORDTON, No. 99.
Rutherfordton, Rutherford County.
Meets on Friday night.
G. P. Martin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ROWAN, No. 100.
Salisbury, Rowan County.
Meets on Thursday night.
J. C. Fonce, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WORTHVILLE, No. 101.
Worthville, Randolph County.
Meets on Friday night.
E. C. Williamson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHINA GROVE, No. 102.
China Grove, Rowan County.
Meets on Thursday night.
S. M. Crowell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WHETSTONE, No. 103.
Bessemer City, Gaston County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
T. A. Wilkins, Keeper of Records and Seal.

DAVIDSON, No. 104.
Davidson, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
F. J. Knox, Keeper of Records and Seal.

INDEPENDENCE, No. 105.
Huntersville, Mecklenburg County.
Meets on Monday night.
W. S. Caldwell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ASHEVILLE, No. 106.
Asheville, Buncombe County.
Meets on Friday night.
Donald Gillis, Keeper of Records and Seal.

RAEFORD, No. 107.
Raeford, Cumberland County.
Meets on first and third Friday nights.
John W. Guiton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SOUTHERN PINES, No. 108.
Southern Pines, Moore County.
Meets on Friday night.
Wm. D. Bruhn, Keeper of Records and Seal.

EAST DURHAM, No. 109.
East Durham, Durham County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
J. W. Cameron, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WALKERTOWN, No. 110.
Walkertown, Forsyth County.
Meets on Monday night.
M. B. Meecum, Keeper of Records and Seal.

MYRTLE, No. 111.
Hillsboro, Orange County.
Meets on first and third Monday nights.
J. S. Spurgeon, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ALBEMARLE, No. 112.
Albemarle, Stanley County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
W. B. Bell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

COLUMBUS, No. 114.
Columbus, Polk County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
J. P. Morris, Keeper of Records and Seal.

STAR, No. 115.
Star, Montgomery County.
Meets on Thursday night.
W. C. Davis, Keeper of Records and Seal.

HENDERSONVILLE, No. 116.
Hendersonville, Henderson County.
Meets on Monday night.
Jones Barnett, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SILER CITY, No. 117.
Siler City, Chatham County.
Meets on Monday night.
N. E. Cox, Keeper of Records and Seal.

TRYON, No. 118.
Tryon, Polk County.
Meets on Thursday night.
E. E. Messeldine, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CAROLEEN, No. 119.
Caroleen, Rutherford County.
Meets on Monday night.
J. W. Griffin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

NEWTON, No. 120.
Newton, Catawba County.
Meets on second and fourth Thursday nights.
W. C. Feimster, Keeper of Records and Seal.

CLARKTON, No. 121.
Clarkton, Bladen County.
Meets on Thursday night.
Frank McFayden, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ELIZABETH CITY, No. 122.
Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County.
Meets on Wednesday night.
C C. Barnard, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SANFORD, No. 123.
Sanford, Moore County.
Meets on Thursday night.
S. P. Hatch, Keeper of Records and Seal.

SPENCER, No. 124.
Spencer, Rowan County.
Meets on Thursday night.
T. J. Tudor, Keeper of Records and Seal.

NEUSE, No. 125.
Smithfield, Johnston County.
Meets on Friday night.
John O. Ellington, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ELLENBORO, No. 126.
Ellenboro, Rutherford County.
Meets on Tuesday night.
M. D. L. Calton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

LATTIMORE, No. 127.
Lattimore, ———— County.
W. T. Calton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

FREMONT, No. 128.
Fremont, Wayne County.
Meets on Monday nights.
Isaac Dees, Keeper of Records and Seal.

ROANOKE, No. 129.
Plymouth, Washington County.
F. F. Fagan, Keeper of Records and Seal.

WEST DURHAM, No. 130.
West Durham, Durham County.
Ewell Somers, Keeper of Records and Seal.

In Memoriam.

"Dead, dead! Our order's sad refrain,
From Eastern to the Western main.
Not so: While reigns our God on high,
The true of heart can never die."

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF PAST CHANCELLORS AND KNIGHTS.

Lodge. No.

1. Joseph Silva.
3. J. T. Morris.
5. T. J. Green, B. E. Seabury, Geo. F. Jones, W. F. Leak.
6. R. B. Davis, W. S. Jones, T. J. Outlaw.
24. Eli C. Miller, Jno. S. Bryan, W. H. Overman, J. F. Pace.
31. C. H. Norton, Geo. L. Nightengale.
32. Geo. W. Young, J. F. Morris.
33. One, but name not given.
39. G. G. Bunn, F. W. Dunbar.
41. A. Lee Lamb.
42. B. L. Roberts.
45. James Wray.
46. Joe W. Harbin.
50. Edward H. Ward.
53. J. E. Curry.
56. J. P. Bodenhamer.
61. J. C. Scarborough.
62. H. H. Painter.
64. Chas. L. Smith.
65. Walter P. Parish.
69. Sam. L. Thornlow.
73. John W. Campbell, A. F. Ellsworth.
75. W. T. Flake.
83. A. M. Medlin W. W. Antea.
84. J. H. Arrington, J. H. Baker, Jr.
87. Dr. E. K. Wright.
103. A. McInness.
104. J. E. M. Bell.
106. R. L. Jones, P. B. Bruton.
107. Neill McFayden.
109. John R. Watts.
111. James Webb, Jr.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in Wilmington on the second Tuesday in June, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m., P. P. XL.

The fiscal year closes on April 30th. All accounts should be closed up before that date in order to appear in the reports to the Grand Lodge.

Special care should be taken by the Deputy Grand Chancellors to see that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is furnished with the semi-annual reports of the term ending in December immediately in order to allow time for the compilation of such statistics as should be presented in his report to the Supreme Lodge.

Each Deputy Grand Chancellor must forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal his official receipt for dues on or before the first day of June and December of each year, showing himself to be in good standing in his Lodge. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will then forward the password for the ensuing term.

In order to prevent delay in correspondence the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal should be notified promptly of any change in the officers of Subordinate Lodges or their address, especially of the Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lodges submitting By-Laws (or amendments thereto) should forward the copy direct to the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

Any information in connection with the order will be cheerfully furnished on application to the Grand Chancellor or Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, personally or otherwise.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
G. K. of R. and S., Goldsboro, North Carolina.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

All official Jewels and the following printed supplies, may be obtained only from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, (the Supreme Lodge making it an offense to purchase from any other source). Charters, Rituals, Installation Books, Ceremonials, Question Books, Official Receipts, Transfer Cards, Withdrawal Cards, Grand Lodge Cards, Traveling Shields, Second Rank Blanks, and orders for S. A. P. W., a supply of which will be kept in stock, except Jewels, and they can be had on short notice.

Rituals, each	$ 2 50
Question Book	1 25
Service Book (funeral, memorial, etc)	65
Installation Book	40
Supreme Statutes (paper)	75
Supreme Statutes (cloth)	1 00
Grand Statutes (paper)	25
Grand Statutes (cloth)	50
Application Blanks (per hundred)	40
Delinquent Notices (per hundred)	40
Master of Exchequer Orders (100 in book)	40
Master of Exchequer Receipts (100 in book)	40
Official Receipts (100 in book)	40
Second Rank Blanks per hundred (50 in pad)	50
Orders for S. A. P. W., (100 in book)	50
Transfer Cards	50
Traveling Shields	25
Withdrawal Cards	50
Grand Lodge Cards (for members of defunct Lodges)	2 00
Jewels, Officers, per set	8 00
Jewels, Grand Representatives, each	$2.00 to 3 00
Jewels, Deputy Grand Chancellors, each	3.50 to 5 00
Jewels, Past Grand Representatives, each	1.25 to 2 50
Jewels, Past Chancellors, each	75 to 2 50
Jewel Cases, each	50 to 1 00

Special Jewels of any qualities will be supplied to order.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

APPENDIX A.

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Asheville, N. C., April 10, 1902.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

Greeting:—In compliance with the requirements of the Order, I submit herewith an official report of my acts as Grand Chancellor for the Pythian year, ending March 31, 1902.

At the close of the Greensboro convention, when I assumed the duties of the executive office of our Order, it was my purpose and would have been my pleasure to give to the work all possible personal attention, and during my term to visit personally every portion of the Grand Domain. I realized the magnitude of the work and its devolving responsibilities, but was willing and glad to undertake it. During the previous year I had done a great deal to equip myself for the work by visiting many of the dictricts in company with your then Grand Chancellor, Bro. Montcastle. I therefore entered upon the work with some confidence.

But I was not destined to have the opportunity of visiting the lodges or districts, or devote to the work the time I had intended giving it. Business interests elsewhere demanded a change of residence on my part, and in August I removed to Cleveland, Ohio. This was as unexpected as it was sudden, and was not in contemplation when I accepted the office of Grand Chancellor.

As soon as I had determined on this step, I entered into correspondence with G. V. C., J. L. Scott, Jr., as a result of which we met in Charlotte in July and discussed the situation with Supreme Representative T. S. Franklin. I was willing to resign, but Bro. Scott was not then ready to take up the work. It was finally agreed between us that possibly the best solution of the problem would be for me to continue as Grand Chancellor and conduct the affairs of the office from Ohio with the assistance of Grand Lecturer Jordan. That course was adopted, and brothers I do assure you that no Grand Chancellor or other officer ever had a more loyal or efficient deputy. Bro. Jordan has labored with his heart, his head and his hands for Pythianism and it is in the main due to his untiring energy and unceasing efforts that notwithstanding the trying times through which we have passed, we are yet able to make a report showing progress all along the line.

Among my first official acts was redistricting of the Domain in accordance with your instructions at last Grand Lodge meeting.

DISTRICTS.

No new districts were added, but a re-arrangement of the lodges as to districts was made, so as to make the districts of a more uniform size, and each lodge as accessible as possible to its district deputy.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

I made the following appointments of District Deputy Grand Chancellors for each district, and the Deputy Grand Chancellors of each Lodge:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

D. D. G. C., Dr. Jas. D. Nutt, of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Wilmington, N. C.

Lodge No.

1. Stonewall, Wilmington—C. D. Yarborough.
2. Clarendon, Wilmington—John F. Littleton.
4. Germania, Wilmington—J. W. Duls.
61. Jefferson, Wilmington—E. H. Munson.
120. Clarkton, Clarkton—M. B. McAuley.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

D. D. G. C., E. W. Smith, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 84, Rocky Mount.

Lodge No.

6. Ruffin, Goldsboro—J. J. Robinson.
8. Athenia, New Bern—H. W. Simpson.
40. Welcome, Tarboro—R. E. L. Cook.
66. Kinston, Kinston—L. J. Mewborne.
73. Pamlico, Washington—Dr. J. C. Rodman.
84. Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount—A. P. Thorpe.
87. Contentnea, Wilson—E. P. Mangum.
93. Tar River, Greenville—E. A. Moye.
122. Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City—W. W. Mann.
125. Neuse, Smithfield—W. R. Long.
128. Fremont, Fremont. (New.)
129. Plymouth, Plymouth. (New.)

DISTRICT NO. 3.

D. D. G. C., Chas. E. McLean, Burlington Lodge No. 50, Burlington.

Lodge No.

3. Centre, Raleigh—W. C. Cram, Jr.
31. Durham, Durham—W. M. Yearby.
50. Burlington, Burlington—Lyn. B. Williamson.
72. Excelsior, Louisburg—Dr. J. E. Malone.

85. Henderson, Henderson—Col. F. A. Macon.
88. Pittsboro, Pittsboro—G. R. Pilkington.
92. Graham, Graham—McBride Holt.
97. Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill—S. L. Herndon.
109. East Durham, East Durham—Sidney A. Walters.
111. Myrtle, Hillsboro—Dr. J. S. Spurgeon.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

D. D. G. C., F. L. Bundy, Scotland Lodge No. 27, Laurinburg.

Lodge No.

5. Cumberland, Fayetteville—J. G. Hollinsworth.
27. Scotland, Laurinburg—R. E. L. Correll.
33. Maxton, Maxton—Dr. J. D. Croom.
35. Lumberton, Lumberton—A. E. White.
55. Rowland, Rowland—W. W. McCormack.
91. Red Springs, Red Springs—L. M. Cook.
107. Raeford, Raeford—O. T. Johnson.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

D. D. G. C., W. M. Lyles, Mecklenburg Lodge No. 90, Charlotte.

Lodge No.

37. Rathbone, Charlotte—Walter Scott.
46. Statesville, Statesville—J. H. Hoffman.
51. Concord, Concord—Jas. F. Hurley.
53. Gastonia, Gastonia—Robert Lee Durham.
65. Zeb Vance, Mooresville—Dr. J. R. McClelland.
68. Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly—Dr. E. C. Boyte.
77. Matthews, Matthews—J. A. Stevens.
83. Charlotte, Charlotte—J. T. Porter.
89. Pineville, Pineville—W. M. Morrow.
90. Mecklenburg, Charlotte—T. W. Dixon.
94. King's Mountain, King's Mountain—Dr. L. A. Bikle.
103. Whetstone, Bessemer City—C. M. Cooke, Jr.
104. Davidson, Davidson—Rev. A. T. Graham.
105. Independence, Huntersville—C. M. Houston.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

D. D. G. C., Harry O. Parker, Southern Pines Lodge No. 108, Southern Pines.

Lodge No.

38. Monroe, Monroe—John E. McCarten.
74. Waxhaw, Waxhaw—F. A. Krauss.
75. Wadesboro, Wadesboro—W. A. Lucas.
60. Aberdeen, Aberdeen—J. Mc. Johnston.
95. Rockingham, Rockingham—G. P. Entwistle.
98. Troy, Troy—Ben. T. Wade.

108. Southern Pines, Southern Pines—Wm. D. Bruhn.
113. Hamlet, Hamlet—R. B. Terry.
123. Sanford, Sanford—S. P. Hatch.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

D. D. G. C., John M. Boyette, Albemarle Lodge No. 112, Albemarle.

Lodge No.

24. Salisbury, Salisbury—J. P. Weber.
39. High Point, High Point—Geo. A. Matton.
45. Ashboro, Ashboro—C. C. McAlister.
71. Lexington, Lexington—W. H. Mendenhall.
81. Norwood, Norwood—Dr. T. A. Hathcock.
100. Rowan, Salisbury—H. T. Simpson.
101. Worthville, Worthville—R. W. Giles.
102. China Grove, China Grove—Dr. G. A. Ramseur.
112. Albemarle, Albemarle—R. A. Crowell.
115. Star, Star—J. G. Stout.
124. Spencer, Spencer—John Wingate.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

D. D. G. C., W. C. Crist, Salem Lodge No. 56, Winston-Salem.

Lodge No.

41. Damon, Winston—J. H. Foote.
43. Liberty, Liberty—Thos. C. Amick.
49. Reidsville, Reidsville—E. F. Hall.
56. Salem, Salem—J. F. Crouse.
63. Ramseur, Ramseur—Jas. C. Reece.
67. North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro—J. L. Clements.
69. Guilford, Greensboro—J. A. Gilmer.
80. Greensboro, Greensboro—J. J. Nelson.
86. Bethania, Bethania—Rev. E. S. Crosland.
96. Piedmont, Elkin—J. D. Bell.
110. Walkertown, Walkertown—A. M. Mecum.
117. Siler City, Siler City—Dr. J. D. Edwards.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

D. D. G. C., A. A. Whitener, Catawba Lodge No. 54, Hickory.

Lodge No.

42. Shelby, Shelby—H. D. Wilson.
48. Lincolnton, Lincolnton—H. S. Hyman.
54. Catawba, Hickory—C. M. Shuford.
58. Mt. Ida, Marion—W. F. Wood.
64. Burke, Morganton—B. S. Gaither.
70. Henrietta, Henrietta—D. D. Fortune.
78. Caldwell, Lenoir—B. G. Johnson.
82. Forest City, Forest City—Dr. A. J. Whisnant.

99. Rutherfordton, Rutherfordton—D. F. Morrow.
119. Caroleen, Caroleen—C. E. Dobbins.
120. Newton, Newton—Wm. B. Gaither.
126. Ellenboro, Ellenboro—I. R. Coefield.
127. Lattimore, Lattimore—J. B. Lattimore.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

D. D. G. C., Dr. F. T. Meriwether, of Asheville Lodge No. 106, Asheville.

Lodge No.
32. Pisgah, Asheville—Zeb Weaver.
62. Balsam, Waynesville—J. D. Boone.
106. Asheville, Asheville—Dr. J. H. Woodcock.
114. Columbus, Columbus—Geo. C. Justice.
116. Hendersonville, Hendersonville—M. L. Shipman.
118. Tryon, Tryon—Dr. Earle Grady.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been granted:

May 2, 1901. Contentnea No. 87, Wilson, to confer the second and third ranks at one convention on F. I. C. Wood.

May 15, 1901, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 84, Rocky Mount, to confer the ranks of Knighthood on N. E. Coletrane, over 50 years of age.

May 29, 1901, Ruffin Lodge No. 6, Goldsboro, to confer second and third ranks at one convention on R. H. Stevens.

June 13, 1901, Rocky Mount Lodge No. 84, Rocky Mount, to confer second and third ranks at one convention on Page Bronson.

June 15, 1901, Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Gastonia, to confer second and third ranks at one convention on W. E. Todd.

July 11, 1901, Star Lodge No. 115, Star, to confer two ranks at one convention on J. J. Phillips.

August 11, 1901, Balsam Lodge No. 62, Waynesville, to confer two ranks at one convention on McBee Mason.

September 14, 1901, Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Gastonia, to confer three ranks at one convention on D. S. Craig.

November 21, 1901, Spencer Lodge No. 124, Spencer, to confer the ranks of Esquire and Knight upon Mr. Tankersley at one convention.

November 21, 1901, Ramseur Lodge No. 63, Ramseur, to admit Rev. T. L. Ellington, over fifty years of age.

December 12, 1901, Worthville Lodge No. 101, Worthville, to confer first and second ranks at one convention on W. B. Webster.

January 21, 1902, Lattimore Lodge No. 127, Lattimore, to confer the ranks of Knighthood on A. M. Lattimore, over fifty years of age.

January 25, 1902, Chapel Hill Lodge No. 97, Chapel Hill, to confer the second and third ranks at one convention on F. E. Davis.

February 5, 1902, Concord Lodge No. 51, Concord, to confer the ranks of Knighthood on William L. Bell, over fifty years of age.

February 21, 1902, North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 67, North Wilkesboro, to confer the ranks of Knighthood on A. R. Sherman, over fifty years of age.

February 10, 1902, Mecklenburg Lodge No. 90, Charlotte, to confer the second and third ranks at one convention on J. K. Hefner.

March 14, 1902, Zeb Vance Lodge No. 65, Mooresville, to confer the ranks of Knighthood on M. F. Nesbitt, over fifty years of age.

March 24, 1902, Pisgah Lodge No. 32, Asheville, to confer the ranks of Knighthood on Dr. H. B. Weaver, over fifty years of age.

NEW LODGES.

During the first part of the term, it was for obvious reasons thought advisable not to make any efforts to secure new lodges, but instead to direct all of our attention to Endowment Rank matters, and the brothers and lodges interested. Later the matter of new lodges was taken up, and the following new lodges have been instituted:

August, 1901, Neuse Lodge No. 125, located at Smithfield, by Past Chancellor C. L. Woodall and Past Chancellor W. W. Willson, assisted by members from Ruffin Lodge No. 6, Goldsboro, and others. Initiated, 22.

December, 1901, Ellenboro Lodge No. 126, located at Ellenboro, by G. M. of E., John C. Mills, assisted by a team from Rutherfordton Lodge No. 99, and others. There were twelve Lodges represented and seventy-five visitors present. Initiated, 17.

January 17, 1902, Lattimore Lodge No. 127, located at Lattimore, by District Deputy A. A. Whitener, assisted by District Deputy W. M. Lyles and others. Initiated, 14.

March 14, 1902, Fremont Lodge No. 128, located at Fremont, by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. T. Hollowell, assisted by District Deputy E. W. Smith, and a team from Ruffin Lodge No. 6, Goldsboro. The work was conferred in Ruffin Lodge Castle Hall. Initiated, 15.

March 28, 1902, Roanoke Lodge No. 129, located at Plymouth, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor E. W. Smith, assisted by members from several Lodges. Initiated, 13.

DEFUNCT LODGE.

Hamlet Lodge No. 113, located at Hamlet. The members of this Lodge became discouraged during our Endowment Rank trouble, and every Endowment Rank member except one, dropped his insurance. Then in October their Castle Hall, together with all their properties, was burned. All efforts to revive them failed, and on March 17, 1902, by my directions, the charter was taken up by Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan, who collected and turned over to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal W. T. Hollowell, $100.00 insur-

ance held on their properties, together with moneys collected by him for Grand Lodge Cards.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

July 18, 1901, Phalanx Lodge No. 34, with Center Lodge No. 3, under the name and number of Center Lodge No. 3, located at Raleigh. The loss of membership by reason of this consolidation was one.

APPEAL FROM SISTER DOMAIN.

I granted one appeal during the term, that for the Jacksonville sufferers. I issued an official circular in their behalf, and sent to each Lodge in our Domain. The response was prompt and generous. For full particulars regarding contributions of each Lodge, I refer you to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

THE FIRE FIEND.

Two of our Lodges have suffered total loss by fire during the year. Of the one at Hamlet I have already spoken.

On November 26, 1901, the Castle Hall and all properties of Albemarle Lodge No. 112, located at Albemarle, was destroyed by fire. They had no insurance, and with eleven candidates waiting to be initiated it was indeed a hard blow. I issued to them a warrant to work until this session of the Grand Lodge and they are rising out of their difficulty nicely. I recommend that they be granted a charter without cost.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Dead, dead! Our order's sad refrain,
From Eastern to the Western main.
Not so: While reigns our God on high,
The true of heart can never die."

The following deaths have been reported since last convention:
Lodge No.

1. Joseph Silva.
2. J. T. Morris.
5. T. J. Green, B. E. Seabury, Geo. F. Jones, W. F. Leak.
6. R. B. Davis, W. S. Jones, T. J. Outlaw.
24. Eli C. Miller, Jno. S. Bryan, W. H. Overman, J. F. Pace.
31. C. H. Norton, Geo. L. Nightengale.
32. Geo. W. Young, J. F. Morris.
33. One, but name not given
39. G. G. Bunn, F. W. Dunbar.
41. A. Lee Lamb.

42. B. L. Roberts.
45. James Wray.
46. Joe W. Harbin.
50. Edward H. Ward.
53. J. E. Curry.
56. J. P. Bodenhamer.
61. J. C. Scarborough.
62. H. H. Painter.
64. Chas. L. Smith.
65. Walter P. Parish.
69. Sam L. Thornlow.
73. John W. Campbell, A. F. Ellsworth.
75. W. T. Flake.
83. A. M. Medlin, W. W. Antea.
84. J. H. Arrington, J. H. Baker, Jr.
87. Dr. E. K. Wright
103. A. McInness.
104. J. E. M. Bell.
106. R. L. Jones, P. B. Bruton.
107. Neill McFayden.
109. John R. Watts.
111. James Webb, Jr.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee has submitted the following report:

Wilmington, N. C., April 10, 1902.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

Brethren:—Your Judiciary Committee has been called upon during the past year to render rulings on three important points. These rulings seem to have been satisfactory and accepted by the Lodges interested.

We have also examined, revised and approved nineteen sets of By-Laws and Amendments. This has entailed considerable more labor than figures would indicate. It is not unusual for us to practically rewrite a set of By-Laws, as it is a pleasure for us to do so rather than return them to the Lodge disapproved.

We find it again necessary to call the Lodges' attention to the fact that they should send these By-Laws and Amendments direct to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and not to the Grand Chancellor, or to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or to the Grand Tribunal.

We have noted with much interest the tendency on the part of the Lodges to materially reduce the amount, or entirely eliminate compulsory benefits. We think this a very healthy line to be pur-

sued by all subordinate Lodges. Our labor in securing the proper By-Laws has been one of interest and love.

Fraternally submitted,

WALKER TAYLOR,

Chairman Judiciary Committee Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

GRAND LECTURER.

As per your instructions to continue the appointment of the Grand Lecturer, I asked Bro. J. Robert Jordan to again fill this position. His official report follows:

Asheville, N. C., April 1, 1902.

L. P. McLoud, Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor to submit a condensed report of my acts as your Grand Lecturer and special Deputy Grand Chancellor, for the past term. A full and complete report of each visit made, and of the work done upon each occasion is already in your hands.

I have made forty-four official visits, including eight district meetings, and upon each occasion held a school of instruction in the secret work, spoke to the Lodges on the laws of the Order, gave them the necessary information so far as possible on all subjects appertaining to Pythianism, and called their attention to our duties and obligations as Pythians. To make these visits, I have traveled over four thousand miles, and reached all sections of our Domain.

During these visits I have collected from several Lodges sums due to the Grand Lodge, and forwarded same to G. K. of R. & S., W. T. Hollowell. I have also secured subscriptions to the Carolina Pythian at every opportunity, and turned the same over to Editor J. G. Baird.

With one exception, I have attended each district meeting, and have assisted in any way that I could. I was unable to attend the district meeting at Red Springs, because the date of said meeting conflicted with the date of another meeting. I have been as economical as possible in the use of funds drawn for travelling expenses. Itemized statements of these accounts have been furnished you from time to time.

In conclusion I wish to speak again of my hobby of memorizing the ritual. I have urged this upon our membership at every opportunity. I firmly believe in it. The beauties of our ritual cannot be fully brought out, nor the lessons properly conveyed to a candidate, unless the officers themselves are thoroughly conversant with the ritual. This I have found is seldom the case, unless the work has been memorized. The progress made by the Lodges in our Domain in this direction is very gratifying indeed.

I have also, at all times, endeavored to emphasize the social and fraternal side of Pythianism. I wish that every lodge in our Domain

would make it a point to celebrate every anniversary day, and upon all occasions possible, bring into prominence the social side of our order. I believe there is more in our order than simply collecting dues and dispensing sick benefits.

And now, Grand Chancellor, allow me to express to you my sincere thanks for your many kindnesses and the confidence you have reposed in me. The warm greeting and welcome which has always been accorded to me throughout the entire domain, shall ever be remembered. Yours fraternally,

J. ROBERT JORDAN,
Grand Lecturer.

GRAND TRIBUNAL.

The Grand Tribunal has submitted the following report:

The following is the only question which came before the Grand Tribunal during the year ending June 30, 1902:

In the matter of Guilford Lodge No. 69, vs. J. E. DeLorme. April 15, 1902.

This is a case where the said J. E. DeLorme, a bar-tender, joined the Order of Knights of Pythias in Blue Ridge Lodge No. 24, at Greenville, S. C., in January, 1890, prior to the passage of the law prohibiting "bar-tenders" from becoming members of the Order. He afterwards moved to the town of Greensboro, N. C., and engaged in the same business of "hotel bar-tender," and it was while he was engaged in this business of "hotel bar-tender" at Greensboro, that he presented or deposited his card with Guilford Lodge No. 69, or at least the record in our possession shows that at the time he made his application to Guilford Lodge No. 69, that his occupation was that of a "hotel bar-tender," and upon this record we rendered the following opinion, which was written by the Chief Tribune. and concurred in by the other members of the Grand Tribunal:

"It is my opinion that he would not be subject to discipline so long as he held his membership in the Lodge where he first became a member (in Blue Ridge Lodge No. 24, at Greenville), because at that time, January 1890, there was no law of the order prohibiting "bar-tenders" from becoming members of the Order, and the subsequent statute of September 8, 1894, could not have a retroactive energy. And I am of the opinion that he is exempt from the operation of the Law now, but when he takes a withdrawal or transfer card, he cannot, while in the business of a "hotel bar-tender," lawfully deposit same in any Lodge of the Order. There is absolutely no doubt about the fact that Guilford Lodge had no right to receive DeLorme on his card, in the face of his answer to the question of what his occupation was. I think he is clearly amena-

ble to the law of the Order, under the present circumstances of the case."

J. D. McCALL,
CICERO R. BARKER,
DR. R. J. HILL,
Members of Grand Tribunal.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The fiery ordeal which the Endowment Rank passed through last summer and fall, is well known to you all. As soon as we became acquainted with the facts, we brought every influence to bear and exerted all possible energy to convey these facts to the Lodges and Brothers interested, to the end that the Endowment Rank might enjoy the fullest confidence of our membership. That we were successful is evidenced by the fact that although our loss in this Domain was very heavy, it was not nearly so heavy as expected, and prophesied by the members of the Supreme Lodge at the Chicago meeting. It will be noted that about one-third of our entire membership carry insurance in the Endowment Rank, which is a larger percentage of membership than is carried by any other Grand Domain with only four exceptions. Our net loss for the year is only forty-seven. For full particulars regarding the Endowment Rank, see report of Supreme Representatives, which will appear in the Grand Lodge Record. I herewith append statement of Endowment Rank in this Domain.

STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK IN THE GRAND DOMAIN OF NORTH CAROLINA, April 1, 1902.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretary.	Number of Members.	Amount of Endowment.
221	Wilmington	J D Nutt, 220 N Front St	134	$ 324,000
255	Fayetteville	Chas. J. Ahearn	80	173,000
307	Goldsboro	W. H. Collins, 508 E Elm.	53	102,500
610	Salisbury	T. F. Young	16	35,000
658	Laurinburg	Geo. M. Whitefield.	22	52,000
702	Greensboro	G. H. Royster, Box 96	166	370,000
864	Durham	J J. Pritchard.	50	118,000
876	Maxton.	J. N. Carter, Box 26	8	13,000
1085	Lumberton	L R. Breece, 4th 8 Walnut	8	15,000
1124	Raleigh.	C L. Woodall	20	23,000
1201	High Point	J. W. Wilborn, 110 N. Main	18	25 000
1211	Charlotte	E. L. Martin	36	81,000
1225	Monroe.	H. B Adams.	8	18,000
1345	Tarboro	J. B. Burke, Box 655	7	11,000
1723	Winston.	Thos. Allen, Box 33	65	134 000
1749	Reidsville	E. F. Hall.	20	37,000
1779	Rocky Mount	G N. Robbins.	9	16 000
1845	Asheboro	T. J. Moffit	13	16,000
1847	Burlington	R. A Trueman	15	27,500
1861	Gastonia.	J F. Holland	25	43,000
1866	Concord	L. D. Coltrane	21	31 500
1880	Statesville	Sol L Clark, Box 34	41	71,000
1896	Asheville	T. R. Harrison, 28 Starnes	53	108,000
1905	Hickory	N. A. Hall	19	40,000
1910	Lincolnton	E. T. Childs	7	11,000
1971	Salem	N C. Crist.	44	57,500
2049	Marion.	W. T. Wood	18	35,000
2116	Morganton	J. C Estes	21	35,000
2224	Kinston	Geo D. Hawkes	9	12,000
2231	North Wilkesboro	J. R Coffey	5	10,500
2251	Mooresville	J. F. Brawley	25	29,000
2304	Lexington	Fred O. Sink	10	20,000
2380	Waynesville.	Jesse D. Boone	10	17 000
2386	Mount Holly	L. J. Dellinger, Box 650	4	8,000
2537	Louisburg	E S Green	6	15,000
2557	Ramseur	E. B. Leonard	10	12,500
2648	Washington	Geo. B. Thompson	18	22,000
2667	Henrietta.	F. B. Gaffney	29	32 000
2761	Waxhaw	F. A. Krauss	4	4 000
2880	Matthews.	J. A. Stevens	7	14,000
2896	Norwood	L. W Hart, Box 2	6	12,000
3051	Liberty.	W. H. Griffin	8	11,000
3089	Wadesboro	B G. Covington	5	11,000
3195	Henderson.	W. K. Sturgis	12	19,000
3224	Wilson.	J. R. Thomason	5	9,500
3237	Forrest City	R E. Biggerstaff	18	22,000
3289	Charlotte	Jas. T. Porter	49	74,000
3349	New Berne	Jno. C. Scales.	10	17,000
3637	Pineville	R. M. Erwin.	8	15,000

STATUS OF THE ENDOWMENT RANK, &c.—CONTINUED.

Sec No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretaries.	Number of Members.	Amount of Endowment.
3666	Red Springs	J. S. Jones	12	$ 15,500
3689	Rockingham	E B Terry	8	14,000
3711	Graham	C. A. Scott, Box 105	19	27,500
3715	Elkin	A. G. Click	13	23,000
3722	Charlotte	J A Henderson	36	57,500
3829	Chapel Hill	S L. Herndon	12	16,000
3902	Salisbury	H T. Simpson	28	56,500
3910	Kings Mountain	J. B. Rhyne	18	26,000
3935	Rowland	Milton Lytch	9	12,500
3941	Bessemer City	M. I Sholar	5	5 000
3940	China Grove	T. L. Ross	9	17,000
4237	Davidson	H. H. Thompson	6	7,000
4268	Greenville	A. B. Ellington	11	14,500
4356	Northville	I. F Trogdon	13	12,000
4443	Walkertown	M. B. Mecum	8	6,000
4494	Huntersville	W. M. Houston	6	9,000
4495	Albemarle	G Y Fike	4	4,000
4573	East Durham	Jno. A. Lea	11	11,000
4600	Starr	J. G Stout	7	7,000
4625	Columbus	A L McMurray	6	8,000
4627	Lenoir	B. G. Johnson	11	15,000
4924	Rutherfordton	J. F. Flack	14	22,500
4982	Siler City	C. M. Bragg	6	6,000
5070	Newton	J. A. Gaither	6	11,000
5078	Elizabeth City	T. S. Wells	7	7,000
5091	Clarkton	D. L. Blue	3	5,000
5220	Spencer	T. J. Tudor	7	11,000
5233	Sanford	S. P. Hatch	11	10,500
5235	Hillsboro	E. A. Hughes	5	5,000
5246	Smithfield	M. N Lawrence, Jr	8	9,000
5272	Raeford	J. W. Ginton	6	5,000
5292	Troy	O. L. McKnight	5	6,000
5304	Caroleen	Jno. N. Griffin	8	8,000
5311	Ellenboro	J. J. Byers	10	12,000
Total			1,603	$2,892,000

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections, last report	77
Sections suspended during the year	5
New Sections organized during the year	11
Number of Members last report	1,650
Amount of Endowment last report	$ 3,085,500.00
Number of Sections	83
Number of Members	1,603
Amount of Endowment	$ 2,892,000
Death claims paid in North Carolina 1901	26,000

GENERAL STATUS—APRIL 1, 1902.

Total Membership	57,397
Total Endowment in force	$101,175,500.00
Paid to Beneficiaries since Organization of Rank	$ 17,636,754.89

ORPHANS FUND.

For full statement of this fund see report of Orphans' Committee, which will appear in Grand Lodge Records. This fund is increasing rapidly, and the committee in whose charge it is are zealously guarding and protecting it. However, I am of the opinion that these funds ought to be judiciously invested, and I so recommend.

NATIONAL PYTHIAN SANITARIUM.

This measure, as you are aware, was left to the vote of the subordinate lodges. The results of the vote will be reported in full by G. K. of R. & S., W. T. Hollowell.

CAROLINA PYTHIAN.

One of the most important factors in bringing a fraternity into public prominence is the style, character and make-up of its journal. We have in this Domain in the Carolina Pythian a journal which in respect to quality and price has no superior. It is always filled with up-to-date Pythian news. I have personally urged its claims upon the membership at every opportunity and shall continue to do so. Every member in this Domain should take the Carolina Pythian, and we should encourage it all that we possibly can. I heartily recommend that the appropriation be continued.

CHARLESTON ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

In response to an invitation received from the Grand Domain of South Carolina, inviting the officers and members of this Domain to be present and participate in the Pythian Anniversary Celebration at Charleston Exposition February 19, 1902, I sent out notices and program of meeting to our membership. I also accepted an invitation to address the brothers upon this occasion. Later I found that it was impossible for me to attend, and I asked Past Chancellor A. S. Barnard, of Pisgah Lodge No. 32, to represent me. His report follows:

Mr. L. P. McLoud, Grand Chancellor:

My Dear Sir and Brother:—Permit me to express my high appreciation of the honor conferred by you in designating me, as your Deputy, to represent North Carolina on Pythian Day at the Charleston Exposition, February 19, 1902, the occasion being the celebration, by the South Carolina brothers, of the thirty-eighth anniversary of the founding of our Order.

In accordance with your request I visited Charleston on that date and spoke on behalf of the Pythians of our Grand Domain.

The meeting was one of much enthusiasm and reflected decided credit upon our Order. There were over one thousand Pythians

present, and it is to be regretted that there could not have been a more general participation by the brothers from this State. I was glad to note among those from North Carolina Past Grand Chancellor C. E. Holton, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal W. T. Hollowell, and Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan.

The hospitality of the Charleston brothers was all that could have been expected, and I shall long remember the pleasant acquaintance and association with Grand Chancellors Bonham, of South Carolina, and Hooper, of Georgia, and Supreme Representatives Hughes and Sims, of South Carolina.

Again thanking you for this distinction, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

ALF. S. BARNARD.

PYTHIAN JUBILEE AT CHICAGO.

On March 20th it was my privilege to attend the Pythian Jubilee in Chicago, and it was an occasion I shall never forget. I wish every member of the order in the Grand Domain of North Carolina could have witnessed this gathering and the splendid work of the contesting teams in conferring the rank of Knight. But if every member of our order in North Carolina were gathered together in one great meeting it would still be less than one-third the size of the meeting in Chicago. The crowd was estimated at from 17,000 to 20,000 Knights, and it was an inspiring sight I can assure you. The rank work, the military movements and the costuming of the teams during the initiation ceremonies were superb. The paraphernalia and costumes and the work of the Iola team of Dayton, Ohio, composed of about sixty-five well drilled Knights, were particularly magnificent and impressive. It was undoubtedly the greatest fraternal gathering ever seen anywhere and truly an inspiring sight.

REUNION OF GRAND KEEPERS OF RECORDS AND SEAL AT SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST NEXT.

During the visit to Chicago above referred to, I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. F. E. Wheaton, of Minnesota, who is president of the G. K. of R. & S. Association. This association met in Detroit in August, 1900, and will hold another meeting in San Francisco in August. Bro. Wheaton inquired particularly about our Bro. Hollowell, and stated that Bro. Hollowell proved himself one of the most useful members of the meeting at Detroit, and further expressed the earnest wish that he might attend the San Francisco meeting.

Feeling that such meeting will be of great benefit to our own and other domains and realizing the importance of the work to be done, I therefore recommend that Bro. Hollowell be sent to this meeting and that $150 be appropriated for the purpose of covering his expenses on such trip.

SUPREME LODGE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

There is little need for me to do more than call to your attention the fact that for the first time in the history of our Order the Supreme Lodge goes to the Pacific coast this year. San Francisco is the place and August 12th the date. Great preparations are being made for the accommodation and entertainment of the Pythian hosts who will gather there and a tremendous crowd is expected.

Every Knight who can do so should attend and take advantage of this opportunity to cross the continent. You can count with certainty on a good time for the Pythians will own San Francisco.

VACANCIES.

Because of the contingency that arose during my term of office it came to our notice that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the Grand Chancellor's and Grand Vice Chancellor's offices there is no way to fill same except by calling the Grand Lodge together in special session at great expense to the Order. I therefore recommend that you enact such law or laws as will provide for the filling of the above offices in case of vacancies, without resorting to this extraordinary means.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

According to your directions, I have endeavored to hold a district meeting in every district in the Grand Domain, but for reasons over which I had no control, I was unable to hold such meeting in the Sixth District. Arrangements were made to hold said meeting with the brothers of Wadesboro Lodge No. 75, but at the last moment the meeting was called off by wire by committee of Wadesboro Lodge.

October 15, 1901, District No. 1, at Wilmington, with Clarendon Lodge, Dr. James G. Nutt, District Deputy Grand Chancellor. There were present large delegations from each Lodge in the district, an excellent program was carried out, including an address by Col. Walker Taylor and school of instruction by Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan.

December 3, 1901. District No. 9, at Marion, with Mt. Ida Lodge No. 58, A. A. Whitener District Deputy Grand Chancellor. Every Lodge in the District was represented with but two exceptions; attendance one hundred and twenty-five. Address of Welcome by W. F. Wood. Response by District Deputy Grand Chancellor A. A. Whitener and G. M. of E. Jno. C. Mills, followed by short addresses by about a dozen brothers from different parts of the district. The Rank of Knight was conferred on a candidate by a team from Burke Lodge No. 64, and Catawba Lodge No. 54. After which, adjournment was taken to banquet hall where an elegant repast was

served by the ladies of the city. A number of excellent toasts were responded to.

January 9, 1902, High Point, District No. 7, J. M. Boyette District Deputy Grand Chancellor. The following is his report:

District meeting of the Seventh District was called to order at 8 o'clock by Brother Armfield, C. C., of High Point Lodge No. 39, and opened in due form. J. M. Boyette, D. D. G. C., was called to the chair, and roll call showed the following Lodges present:

Salisbury, No. 24; Albemarle Lodge, No. 112; Spencer, No. 124; High Point, No. 39; Star, No. 115; Worthville, No. 101; Lexington, No. 71. The following Lodges were not represented: Rowan, No. 100; Asheboro, No. 45; China Grove, No. 102; Norwood, No. 81. Address of Welcome by Brother J. M. Wilbur, response by Grand Vice Chancellor J. L. Scott, Jr. "How to get members out and to have interest in meetings," discussed by the Past Chancellors present. "How to Collect Dues," discussed by the Masters of Finance. "Why am I a Pythian?" led by District Deputy W. M. Lyles, and joined in by others present. Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan was called to the chair and exemplified the secret work, and made a most instructive and interesting address. The meeting adjourned to the dining hall of the Herald Hotel, and enjoyed an excellent banquet prepared for them by the brothers of High Point Lodge. A number of toasts were responded to.

J. M. BOYETTE, D. D. G. C.

January 21, 1902, District No. 3, at Durham, with Durham Lodge No. 31, Charles E. McLean District Deputy Grand Chancellor. Every Lodge in the district was represented, except Excelsior Lodge No. 72, Louisburg. Attendance about one hundred and fifty. Address of welcome by Bro. J. D. Pridgen. Responses by Grand Vice Chancellor J. L. Scott, Jr., and District Deputy Charles E. McLean. A number of excellent addresses on Pythian subjects were made by different prominent members of the District and secret work exemplified by Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan. At 11 o'clock adjournment was taken to the spacious dining room of Durham Lodge's beautiful Castle Hall, and there was served a most excellent banquet in courses under the directions of a committee of Durham Lodge. Past Chancellor Jas. H. Southgate acted as toast master and between courses introduced those who responded to the toasts proposed. The meeting was a most successful one and it was a late hour when final adjournment was taken.

January 23, 1902, the Eighth District, at Greensboro, W. C. Crist District Deputy Grand Chancellor. The following is the report received:

One of the largest and most enthusiastic Pythian District meetings ever held in North Carolina was called to order on the night

of January 23d, at 7:30 o'clock, by Mr. J. G. Fowler, Chancellor Commander of Greensboro Lodge No. 80. With three exceptions every Lodge in the District was represented. From Winston-Salem there was a delegation of sixty-one. Of course, no other place was so largely represented, but nearly all the lodges in the Eighth District had one or more representatives and the attendance was generally very large.

After the usual opening exercises had been held, Mr. Fowler turned the meeting over to Acting Grand Chancellor T. S. Franklin, of Charlotte.

Mr. Chalmer C. McLean, of Greensboro Lodge No. 80, delivered the address of welcome. It was brief, but couched in well chosen words and gracefully made. He extended a cordial welcome to all the visiting Knights and invited them to feel perfectly at home during their stay in the city.

The response was made by Rev. E. S. Crossland, of Bethania Lodge, Bethania, N. C., who, in behalf of himself and other visitors, returned hearty thanks for the cordial welcome extended and for the sincere hospitality which has been displayed.

Then came one of the most interesting features of the evening, the conferring of the third rank by Damon team of Winston. Mr. Henry S. Foy, Jr., of Winston, was the candidate. The rank work of the team was pronounced as beyond criticism by Pythians who had seen many similar events.

Following the conferring of the rank came a general experience meeting in which a number of Pythians participated with credit to themselves and pleasure to the hearers.

Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan, of Asheville, was then given time for his school of instruction, which is always a delightful feature of Pythian district meetings.

After Mr. Jordan concluded the party repaired to Clegg's Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served in Mr. Clegg's best style. We reproduce herewith the bill of fare which was unique and original:

"The Turnpike road to peoples' hearts I find,
Lies through their mouths, or I mistake mankind."

LAYOUT OF RATIONS.

A York River Stew.
"In turn just on the front ring,
Brother we'll soop er in."

California Olives. Salted Virginia Peanuts.

Michigan Celery.

The Oysters Fried Nice and Brown and
Crisp and Served with Saratoga Chips.

Roast Pelican, Mystic Dressing.

COLD.

Haunch of Wild Boar, Camel's Tongue.
Caramel Ice Cream,

Which Melts Like Woman's Kisses.—Byron.

Assorted Cakes.
Cheese, oh, yes, and a Toasted Biscuit,
Old North State Coffee.

Enjoy life while you have breath,
And then look pleasant after death.—Smith.

After a blessing was asked by Rev. E. S. Crossland, of Bethania, Mr. Charles L. VanNoppen, as Toast Master, introduced the following brothers, who responded to toasts assigned to them: Prof. J. W. Thompson, of Graham Lodge; C. E. Crist, of Salem; W. M. Lyles, of Charlotte; Dr. Hubbard, of Worthville; John Wilburn, High Point; J. Robert Jordan, Asheville, and T. S. Franklin, acting Grand Chancellor.

It was after 1 o'clock before the banquet was over and the last banqueter had gone to his home.

January 24, 1902, Fifth District, at Concord, with Concord Lodge No. 51, W. M. Lyles Deputy Grand Chancellor. The following is his report:

I am glad to report to you that the Fifth District meeting held at Concord January 24th, was a decided success. The members of No. 51 spared no pains in making this one of the most notable gatherings yet held in the Grand Domain. I was ably assisted in arranging and carrying out the program by the Committee of Arrangements, and when the meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., the roll call showed the following Lodges represented:

Rathbone, No. 37; Statesville, No. 46; Concord, No. 51; Gastonia, No. 53; Zeb Vance, No. 65; Mt. Holly, No. 68; Charlotte, No. 83; Mecklenburg, No. 90; King's Mountain, No. 94; Independence, No. 105.

The following Lodges failed to respond, very much to the regret of all present, as the meeting was one that I wish every Pythian in the District could have attended: Matthews, No. 77; Pineville, No. 89; Whetstone, No. 103; Davidson, No. 104.

Past Grand Chancellor Thomas S. Franklin was called to the chair and presided with his usual grace and dignity, and the following program carried out:

Address of Welcome, Past Chancellor J. S. Fink, No. 51.

Response, Past Chancellor F. R. McNinch, No. 83.

"Guard Well the Castle Hall," Past Chancellor A. S. Barnard, No. 32.

"Importance of Pythian Obligations," Past Chancellor R. J. Cochrane, No. 105.

"Knowledge and Obedience of Law," Past Grand Chancellor R. H. Rickert, No. 46.

"Better Pythians, Better Men," Rev. W. A. Gillon, No. 51.

"Near the Shore," Rev. G. W. Belk, No. 83.

"Our Official Paper," Past Chancellor J. G. Baird, No. 37.

Open Discussion, "How to Retain Members," led by Past Chancellor F. R. McNinch, No. 83.

Report of Deputy Grand Chancellor.

School of Instruction, State Lecturer J. Robert Jordan.

The business being over at 11 o'clock, the entire body repaired to the banquet hall, where an elegant repast was served. Past Grand Chancellor George W. Montcastle, of the celebrated "Frog Pond Lodge," acted as toast master, and well did he perform his duty, and a number of excellent toasts were responded to. We had hoped to have more of the Grand Lodge officers present, but none showed up except Grand Vice Chancellor J. L. Scott, Jr. The Grand Chancellor was ably represented by Brother A. S. Barnard, of No. 32. We were glad to have representatives there from Salisbury Lodge No. 24, Lexington No. 71, Rowan No. 100, China Grove No. 102, and Albemarle No. 112. There were fifteen Lodges represented, and one hundred and twenty-five Knights present. This meeting has done much good, and I heartily approve of it, and hope every district in the Grand Domain will not fail to hold them. The Concord boys turned the town over to the visitors, and when the time came for us to leave, we were loath to part, and all looked forward to the time when we can hold a similar meeting with the "Big Hearted Boys" of No. 51.

W. M. LYLES, D. D. G. C.

January 29, 1902, Second District, at Greenville, with Tar River Lodge No. 93, E. W. Smith District Deputy Grand Chancellor. The following is his report:

The Second District meeting was held in Greenville on the 29th of January, 1902. It was entertained by the Tar River Lodge, No. 93. The following Lodges were represented:

Ruffin, No. 6; Welcome, No. 40; Kinston, No. 66; Pamlico, No. 73; Rocky Mount, No. 84; Contentnea, No. 87; Tar River, No. 93; and Neuse, No. 125.

Elizabeth City, No. 122, and Bethania, No. 8, were not represented, and Fremont and Plymouth had not been organized or instituted at that time. The attendance was one hundred and forty; would have been two hundred but for bad weather and smallpox, which later affected Wilson Lodge particularly. It was successful in a degree, very enjoyable and profitable. A banquet was tendered after the adjournment of the meeting, and was graced by the ladies of the city. Toasts were all appropriate, and the responses elegant. The

speeches in Lodge room and school of instruction excellent. For a fuller account see the Carolina Pythian of February.

(Signed.) E. W. SMITH, D. D. G. C.

January 28, 1902, District No. 4, at Red Springs, with Red Springs Lodge No. 91, F. L. Bundy District Deputy Grand Chancellor. The following is his report:

The Lodges represented in District meeting at Red Springs on the 28th of January were: Red Springs, No. 91; Lumberton, No. 35; Rowland, No. 55; Scotland, No. 27; Cumberland, No. 5. Had it not been for the terribly disagreeable night, Maxton No. 33, and Raeford No. 107, would also have turned out a good crowd. The weather was very much against us, but we had a very interesting and profitable meeting just the same. We were glad to have with us Past Chancellor W. W. Willson, from Raleigh. Brother Jones, of Red Springs, immediately after the Lodge was opened, delivered the welcome address, to which I had the pleasure to respond. By request, Bro. W. W. Willson exemplified the unwritten work for me, after which I delivered a short address on the three ranks and opened a school of instruction, at which a great many hard questions were asked and answers attempted. The Lodge business being over, we were invited to the Hotel Townsend, where the good ladies of Red Springs had prepared a very tempting repast, which was very much enjoyed by all present. Of course we had to have some toasts. Bro. W. W. Willson, of Raleigh, responded to "Aim and Object of Pythianism;" Bro. Wishart, of Lumberton, "Our Women;" Bro. McLoud, "The Order of Knights of Pythias," and I had the honor of speaking to the toast, "The Grand Lodge of North Carolina."

(Signed.) F. L. BUNDY, D. D. G. C.

February 21, 1902, Tenth District, at Asheville, with Pisgah Lodge No. 32, and Asheville Lodge No. 106, Dr. F. T. Meriwether District Deputy Grand Chancellor. The following is the report sent in:

The Knights of Pythias Convention for the Tenth District was held at Castle Hall, and despite the bad weather and the attraction at the opera house, was largely attended. Almost 250 persons, many of whom were ladies, assembled in Castle Hall at 9 o'clock, after the secret meeting closed. This secret convention was held under the regular convention of Asheville Lodge, which was called to order by Chancellor Commander Otis L. Green, and by him turned over to Special Deputy Grand Chancellor Dan. F. Summey, after the Lodge business had been transacted.

The District Convention was a most pleasant one. Remarks were made by the visiting brothers on the condition of their lodges, which were all reported in good shape.

The public program was short, but very pleasing. Chas. A. Webb,

Supreme Representative, delivered an address of welcome which, by invitation of the presiding officer, was responded to by Dr. Earl Grady, of Tryon.

Miss Cribbs, teacher of elocution at the Asheville Seminary, gave a recitation, the grace and vivid expression of which charmed all.

Dan. F. Summey sang two songs and the audience wished him to continue.

J. Robert Jordan, the Grand Lecturer for the State, gave an extremely clever monologue. His remarks were mainly about Tate Springs and while scarcely flattering, were certainly amusing.

Accompanied by F. Flaxington Harker, Mrs. O. C. Hamilton sang with admirable effect two songs.

At the conclusion of this program, refreshments were served in the lodge room by the committee.

Representatives from Columbus, Waynesville and Tryon were present. The Hendersonville delegation failed to arrive because the train was late.

It will be noted from the above reports that out of the eighty-six lodges in the territory of these districts, sixty-seven were represented at the District meetings. Also a very large percentage of the entire membership of said districts were in attendance. I heartily approve of these meetings, and urge that they be continued.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The trying circumstances through which a part of our order has passed during this term, led many to prophesy that we would do well if we held our own in membership. In view of this, it is indeed gratifying to be able to report a good gain in membership, also in new Lodges.

Our order was never in better condition, and never enjoyed brighter prospects for the future than it does now.

Noting that the reports of the lodge deputies often did not agree as to membership, with the reports made by the Keepers of Records and Seal to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and that these errors caused an error in the listing of membership in last report, and in previous reports, I have had all reports, so far as possible, verified by the District Deputy in charge of each District and by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. T. Hollowell. The following table shows a corrected list of membership at the dates named:

Membership March 31, 1901	4,949
Membership June 30, 1901	5,089
Membership December 31, 1901	5,036
Membership March 31, 1902	5,190
Making a net gain of	241

From July 1, 1901, to December 31, 1901—six months—there were 99 withdrawals and 228 suspensions for non-payment of dues, (deaths 21, expelled 5), which is the greatest loss our Domain has ever suffered in a like period. The loss is largely attributable to those brothers who dropped their insurance in the Endowment Rank during this critical period and withdrew from the order, and to those who did not take the trouble to withdraw, but allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues later. During this period the lodges were nearly all active, and we added three hundred to our membership. It will be noted that the net gain in membership to date is 241. The Lodges are nearly all active and receiving new members so that the end of the term will show a very satisfactory increase in membership. In order that you may have a record of the entire term's work, and to avoid using space for two lists of lodges, I will make a supplementary report at the end of my term, May 31, 1902, giving the Lodges and membership in each at that date.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That you grant a charter without cost to Albemarle Lodge No. 112, whose charter was destroyed by fire.
2. That the office of Grand Lecturer be continued.
3. That the fund known as Orphans Fund be judiciously invested.
4. That the appropriation to the Carolina Pythian be continued.
5. That you appropriate $150.00, or such sum as will be necessary to cover the expenses of Bro. W. T. Hollowell's attendance upon the meeting of the Grand Keepers of Records and Seals at San Francisco August next.
6. That you so amend our laws that in case a vacancy occurs in the offices of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, said offices may be filled without calling a meeting of the Grand Lodge.
7. That the District Meetings be continued.

IN CONCLUSION.

There is not much to add. The work of our order has gone grandly on. The obstacles in her path of progress have been bravely overcome. The Endowment Rank was found to be working on a wrong basis. That wrong has been righted and the protection of the insurance is more solid than ever before. The principles of a noble order that would be a help to all, a hindrance to none, that rejoices in doing good and wrongs no one—these principles have been courageously and positively vindicated.

The record of the year is before you. It was a pleasure to serve you, to feel that you had entrusted so much to me. It would have been a greater pleasure to have visited you personally and have

known the contact with you, to have greeted you in your homes and to have received there your own greeting and welcome. I greatly regret that this privilege has been denied me and circumstances forced me to delegate the pleasure to others. I am grateful to these others and particularly grateful to Grand Lecturer Jordan and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Hollowell for work done during the year.

I shall soon relinquish the gavel to my successor. The sum of the progress that our order will make under his administration will be measured by the assistance you give him, the zeal and ardor that you yourselves display. Certainly the principles of our order, the worthiness of our cause, and above all the good that we may do, can and will command your heartiest co-operation. Do not measure the value of our order by what it can do for you, but rather by the amount of good it enables you to do for others.

"No stream from its source
Flows seaward, how lonely soever its course,
But what some land is gladdened. No star ever rose
And set without influence somewhere. Who knows
What earth needs from earth's lowest creature? No life
Can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife,
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby.
The spirits of just men made perfect on high,
The army of martyrs who stand by the Throne
And gaze into the Face that makes glorious their own.
Know this surely at last. Honest love, honest sorrow,
Honest work for the day, honest hope for the morrow,
Are these worth nothing more than the hand they make weary,
The hearts they have saddened, the life they leave dreary?
Hush! the seven fold heavens to the voice of the Spirit
Echo: He that o'ercometh shall all things inherit."

Respectfully submit ed,

L. P. McLOUD,
Grand Chancellor.

SUPPLEMENT TO GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since my report the following Dispensations have been granted:

April 22, 1902, Roanoke Lodge No. 129, to confer the Ranks of Knighthood on F. A. Boyle, over 50 years of age.

April 4, 1902, Burlington Lodge No. 50, to confer the Ranks of Knighthood on Adolphus Cheek, who has only one arm.

April 4, 1902, Burlington Lodge No. 50, to confer the Ranks of Knighthood on A. S. Kearney, maimed in one arm.

April 15, 1902, Henderson Lodge No. 85, to confer the Ranks of Knighthood on Alexander Cooper, who has only one leg.

NEW LODGES.

May 6th and 7th, West Durham Lodge No. 130, at West Durham, instituted by Grand Lecturer J. Robert Jordan, assisted by Grand Lodge officers and others. Initiated sixteen.

The properties are at Oxford for a new Lodge to be located at that point. Is is expected that it will be instituted within a few days. However, this Lodge is not included in our report.

DEATHS.

Since my report, only one death has been reported to this office. That of Past Chancellor E. L. Martin, of Rathbone Lodge No. 37.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The following is the membership of the Lodges and Districts:

I requested a report from the Keeper of Records and Seal of each Lodge, and I used these, together with reports received from my Deputies and the District Deputies.

Net Membership March 31, 1901	4,949
Net Membership May 31, 1902	5,283
Net Gain	334

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF LODGE.	Membership March 31, 1901	Membership May 31, 1902.	Gain.	Loss.
DISTRICT No 1.				
1—Stonewall	141	142	1	.....
2—Clarendon	83	78	.....	5
4—Germania	51	50	.....	1
61—Jefferson	84	101	17	.....
121—Clarkton	18	23	5	....
	377	394	23	6
DISTRICT No. 2.				
6—Ruffin	168	182	14	.....
8—Athenia	58	61	3	.....
40—Welcome	33	30	.....	3
66—Kinston	50	57	7	.....
73—Pamlico	67	71	4	.....
84—Rocky Mount	54	62	8	.....
87—Contentnea	30	33	3	.....
93—Tar River	38	43	5	.....
122—Elizabeth City	19	23	4	.....
125—Neuse	.....	36	36	.....
128—Fremont	....	15	15	.....
129—Roanoke	....	17	17	.....
	517	630	116	3
DISTRICT No. 3.				
3—Centre	36	64	28	.....
31—Durham	133	127	.....	6
34—Phalanx	44	.....	.....	44
50—Burlington	49	58	9	.....
72—Excelsior	16	16	...	....
85—Henderson	39	52	13	...
88—Pittsboro	14	18	4	.....
92—Graham	39	43	4	.....
97—Chapel Hill	35	37	2	.....
109—East Durham	34	50	16	.....
111—Myrtle	20	22	2	.....
130—West Durham	.....	16	16	.....
	459	503	94	50
DISTRICT No. 4.				
5—Cumberland	199	187	.....	12
27—Scotland	32	31	.....	1
33—Maxton	15	15	.....	.....
35—Lumberton	45	39	.....	6
55—Rowland	24	23	....	1
91—Red Springs	59	60	1	.....
107—Raeford	25	16	.....	9
	399	371	1	29

MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS—CONTINUED.

NAME OF LODGE	Membership March 31, 1901	Membership May 31, 1902.	Gain.	Loss.
DISTRICT No. 5.				
37—Rathbone	161	162	1	.....
46—Statesville	112	103	...	9
51—Concord	66	92	26	.....
53—Gastonia	69	69	....	.....
65—Zeb Vance	82	88	6	.....
68—Mount Holly	19	25	6	.....
77—Matthews	35	39	4	.....
83—Charlotte	94	103	9	.....
89—Pineville	24	26	2	....
90—Mecklenburg	126	111	..	15
94—Kings Mountain	51	57	6	.....
103—Whetstone	51	34	.....	17
104—Davidson	42	46	4	.....
105—Independence	19	17	....	2
	951	972	64	43
DISTRICT No 6.				
38—Monroe	42	37	.....	5
60—Aberdeen	15	15	.....	.....
74—Waxhaw	55	55	.....	.....
75—Wadesboro	54	49	.....	5
95—Rockingham	24	15	.....	9
98—Troy	21	14	.....	7
108—Southern Pines	34	35	1	.....
113—Hamlet	32	.....	.....	32
123—Sanford	15	44	29	.....
	292	264	30	58
DISTRICT No. 7.				
24—Salisbury	110	107	.....	3
39—High Point	35	32	.....	3
45—Asheboro	33	31	.....	2
71—Lexington	68	36	.....	32
81—Norwood	22	28	6	.....
100—Rowan	70	69	.....	1
101—Worthville	23	26	3	.....
102—China Grove	16	25	9	.....
112—Albemarle	33	52	19	.....
115—Star	20	26	6	.....
124—Spencer	.....	28	28	.....
	430	460	71	41

MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS—CONTINUED.

NAME OF LODGE.	Membership March 31, 1901	Membership May 31, 1902.	Gain.	Loss.
DISTRICT No. 8.				
41—Damon	197	170	.....	27
43—Liberty	27	28	1	.....
49—Reidsville	38	45	7	.....
56—Salem	93	116	23	.....
63—Ramseur	38	32	.....	6
67—North Wilkesboro	15	31	16	.....
69—Guilford	51	45	..	6
80—Greensboro	161	189	28	.....
86—Bethania	28	30	2	...
96—Piedmont	25	39	14	.....
110—Walkertown	22	26	4	....
117—Siler City	15	19	4	...
	710	770	99	39
DISTRICT No. 9.				
42—Shelby	38	20	....	18
48—Lincolnton	25	23	.....	2
54—Catawba	44	47	3	.....
58—Mount Ida	36	40	4	.....
64—Burke	57	54	.....	3
70—Henrietta	69	71	2	.....
78—Caldwell	29	40	11	....
82—Forest City	56	60	4	.....
99—Rutherfordton	52	52	...	....
119—Caroleen	13	26	13	...
120—Newton	24	25	1	.....
126—Ellenboro	.....	21	21	.....
127—Lattimore	.....	18	18	....
	443	497	77	23
DISTRICT No. 10.				
32—Pisgah	173	203	30	.....
62—Balsam	40	36	...	4
106—Asheville	84	100	16	.....
114—Columbus	34	32	.....	2
116—Hendersonville	20	25	5	.....
118—Tryon	20	26	6	....
	371	422	57	6
Total	4949	5283	632	298
Net Gain	.....	.....	334	

L. P. McLOUD,
Grand Chancellor.

Asheville, N. C., June 3, 1902.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Brethren:—It is with pleasure that I submit my official annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Statutes.

This is my sixth report to your honorable body as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and during these years I have received nothing but kindness and consideration at the hands of the brethren throughout the Domain, and they have my grateful and heartfelt thanks for their friendship, for friendship it is that guides the world as it progresses. Brothers, there is something more in Pythianism than its signs and grips. If we will study its mottoes and teachings and live up to them, we will find that the mission of our Order is to help mankind to be better, and make his days on earth brighter, and in so doing we will have made our own lives happier.

Our record is as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of Lodges last report		94
Instituted during the year		6
		100

DEDUCTIONS.

Lost by consolidation No. 34	1	
Charter taken up No. 113	1	
Total Loss		2
Total number of Lodges to date		98

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership December 31, 1900	4,826	
Initiated	662	
Reinstated	71	
Admitted by Card	151	
Total		5,710

DEDUCTIONS.

Suspended	429	
Expelled	8	
Withdrawn	190	
Died	47	
Total		674
Membership December 31, 1901		5,036

See Table "A" for Reports of Subordinate Lodges.

NEW LODGES.

The following Lodges have been instituted since the last Convention of the Grand Lodge:

Neuse, No. 125, at Smithfield, with 11 members; Ellenboro, No. 126, at Ellenboro, with 17 members; Lattimore, No. 127, at Lattimore, with 17 members; Fremont, No. 128, at Fremont, with 15 members, and Roanoke No. 129, at Plymouth, with 13 members.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

Phalanx No. 34, was consolidated with Center No. 3, on July 18, 1901; Hamlet, No. 113, having failed to comply with the requirements of the laws of the Grand Lodge, the charter was arrested and the Lodge declared defunct on the 15th of March, 1902. This Lodge has had a struggle for existence since it was instituted, being composed largely of railroad men who were constantly changing their residence, and it was a wise move on the part of the Grand Chancellor to take the action he did. They were burned out some months prior to the forfeiture of their charter.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Reports have been received and tax paid by all the subordinate lodges except Aberdeen No. 60, and Pineville No. 89, and these for the term ending December 31, 1901, only.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

In accordance with legislation at the last Convention of the Grand Lodge, charters have been issued to the following Lodges: Siler City, No. 117; Tryon No. 118; Caroleen, No. 119; Newton, No. 120; Clarkton, No. 121; Elizabeth City, No. 122; Sanford, No. 123; and Spencer, No. 124.

GRAND LODGE CARDS.

Grand Lodge cards have been issued to the following members of defunct lodges:

T. M. Gard and E. F. Sawyer, of No. 30; J. L. Harrison, of No. 44; Jesse Carter, Jesse Carter, Jr., and R. G. Carter, of No. 52; F. O. Hawley, of No. 10; C. D. Koonce, of No. 36; and J. C. Wilbur, of No. 79.

REPORT TO SUPREME LODGE.

The following is the report made to the Supreme Lodge December 31, 1901:

Number of members December 31, 1900	4,826	
Initiated	662	
Reinstated	71	
Admitted by card	151	
Total		5,710

DEDUCTIONS.

Number suspended	427	
Expelled	8	
Withdrawn by card	190	
Died	47	
Total		674
Number of members December 31, 1901		5,036

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors	16
Past Chancellors	1,070
Knights	3,887
Esquires	35
Pages	28
Total as above	5,036

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of Lodges December 31, 1900	87
Instituted during the year	10
Total	97
Consolidated	1
Number Lodges December 31, 1901	96

GRAND LODGE.

Cash on hand December 31, 1900	$ 3,279.94
Receipts during the year	6,846.95
Total	$ 10,126.89
Disbursements	6,619.35
Cash on hand December 31, 1901	3,507.54
Total as above	$ 10,126.89

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand December 31, 1900, including investments	$ 9,464.00
Receipts during the year	28,045.56
Total	$ 37,509.56

DISBURSEMENTS.

For sick and Funeral Benefits	$ 4,858.64
For Other Relief	888.78
For Education of Orphans	467.26
Aggregate for Relief	6,214.68
Current Expenses	18,203.81
Paraphernalia and Supplies	2,462.87
Invested during the Year	1,626.84
Cash on hand December 31, 1901	9,001.36
Total as above	$ 37,509.56

ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand	$ 9,001.36
Investments	5,868.16
Real Estate	1,374.75
Paraphernalia, Furniture, Etc	23,356.51
Total Assets	$ 39,600.78

ORPHAN FUND.

We have paid to the Orphan Fund during the year:

Tax on Initiates	486.50
Ten Per Cent. of Per Capita Tax	503.22
Donation from Dr. W. T. Parrott	13.00
Interest on Investments	241.97
Total	$ 1,244.69

SUPREME LODGE TAX.

The Per Capita Tax due Supreme Lodge October 1, 1901, and April 1, 1902, amounting to $394.48, was forwarded to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and I hold his receipts for same.

PARAPHERNALIA.

We have on hand in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, two outfits, the property of defunct lodges. The outfit for the Hamlet Lodge was destroyed by fire some time previous to the time they surrendered their charter, which was insured for $100, and the amount turned over to Grand Lecturer Jordan and he sent it to this office and amount credited to the Lodge and turned over to general fund account.

BALANCES DUE BY LODGES.

The amounts due by the subordinate lodges are all small and some of them have been paid since the ending of the fiscal year.

GRAND LODGE JOURNAL.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Grand Lodge Journal were printed and distributed, as required by the Grand Statutes.

RAILROAD RATES.

The railroads have given us the same rates as given the three years previous.

The Grand Secretary of the Odd Fellows and I have been trying for the past two years to get a concession from the railroads in rates, but have been unable to do so. I think united action on the part of the Fraternal Orders and the matter properly presented to the railroad authorities, would possibly bring the railroad people to our way of thinking, for surely those who are working for the uplifting and the elevation of mankind are entitled to as much consideration as base ball clubs, political conventions and other gatherings, in which better rates are given. We do not ask for better or lower rates than others, but we do expect to receive equally as good treatment as others who do not add any more to the finances of the railroads than we do. If a committee was appointed from the Grand Lodge to confer with a similar committee from the other Fraternal Orders and let them set forth their grievances and ask the railroad authorities to place us on the same footing with others, I believe it would result in good, for I cannot believe the said authorities would turn a deaf ear to our appeals. Why should we not have the same rates as some of our Sister Domains, for instance in Georgia. They have a one fare rate, and possibly over some of the railroad systems that operate in our State.

APPEALS FOR AID.

In response to circular letters from the Supreme and Grand Chancellors asking aid for the families of our brothers in Jacksonville, Fla., who had suffered from the great conflagration in that city, the following lodges in this Domain promptly responded and forwarded the amounts to this office, and same was forwarded to Bro. W. C. West, the treasurer of the Relief Committee, for which I hold his receipts:

Lodge No. 5	$ 10 00
Lodge No. 45	10 00
Lodge No. 94	10 00
Lodge No. 74	10 00
Lodge No. 109	10 00
Lodge No. 24	15 00
Lodge No. 53	10 00
Lodge No. 32	25 00
Lodge No. 75	10 00
Lodge No. 50	5 00
Lodge No. 112	10 00
Lodge No. 54	5 00
Lodge No. 6	10 00
Lodge No. 46	25 00
Lodge No. 92	3 65
Lodge No. 41	25 00
Lodge No. 40	10 00
Lodge No. 70	5 00
Lodge No. 83	10 00
Lodge No. 56	25 00
Lodge No. 91	10 00
Lodge No. 84	5 00
Lodge No. 90	20 00
Lodge No. 96	5 00
Lodge No. 119	3 00
Lodge No. 37	25 00
Lodge No. 51	5 00
Lodge No. 108	5 00
Lodge No. 38	25 00
Lodge No. 106	25 00
Lodge No. 86	5 00
Lodge No. 27	5 00
Lodge No. 67	11 50
Lodge No. 31	40 00
Lodge No. 93	5 00
Lodge No. 99	5 00
Lodge No. 100	5 00
Lodge No. 105	3 00

Lodge No. 111	5 00
Lodge No. 110	2 00
Lodge No. 114	5 50
Lodge No. 81	5 00
Lodge No. 77	5 00
Lodge No. 85	10 00
Total	$483 65

The following Lodges reported that they had sent donations direct to the committee before the appeal was made:

Stonewall No. 1	$ 15 00
Jefferson No. 61	15 00
Clarendon No. 2	10 00
Germania No. 4	5 00
Total from this Domain	$528 65

GRAND LODGE FINANCES—GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last Report	$ 3,698.28	
		$ 3,698.28
Received from General Fund—Per Capita Tax Dispensation, Supplies and G. L. Cards	$6,473.93	
		$ 6,473.93
Total Receipts and Balance		$10,172.21
Paid out as per Vouchers		6,080.69
Balance on Hand		$ 4,091.52

(For vouchers drawn see Table C.)

ORPHAN FUND.

Balance on hand last Report	$7,523.46	
Received from Initiates	486.50	
Received from Interest on Investments	241.97	
Received from W. T. Parrot, Donation	13.00	
Received from 10 Per Cent. Per Capita Tax	503.22	
		$8,768.15

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Supplies Sold During Year	$1,300.39
Stock on Hand	182.55
	$1,482.94

Dr.

Supplies Purchased During Year	$ 956.41
Supplies on Hand Last Report	199.20
Profits on Supplies	327.33
	$1,482.94

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND AT COST PRICES.

8	Supreme Statutes (paper)	$ 4 80
5	Supreme Statutes (cloth)	5 00
4	Music Books	1 00
16	Decision Supreme Tribunal	8 00
2	Sets Rituals	20 00
125	Grand Statutes (paper)	25 00
85	Grand Statutes (cloth)	34 00
1100	Orders S. A. P. W.	3 30
35	Sup. to Supreme Statutes	3 50
9	Installation Books	2 25
11	Service Books	5 50
5	Subordinate Lodge Warrants	1 25
4	Grand Lodge Cards	1 00
27	Transfer Cards	6 75
10	Withdrawal Cards	2 50
9	Honor Credentials	2 25
4	Traveling Shields	40
1700	Official Receipts	3 40
6	P. C. Jewels	3 00
1200	M. of E. Orders	2 40
900	M. of E. Receipts	2 25
600	Applications	1 50
4	Question Books	4 00
550	Second Rank Blanks	2 00
2000	Notices	5 00
400	Ode Cards	8 00
30	Rosters	12 00
1	Roberts Rules of Order	50
24	Knights Jewels	12 00
		$182.55

PYTHIAN SANITARIUM.

As per instructions at the Convention of the Grand Lodge held at Greensboro in April, 1901, the following circular letter was sent to the Subordinate Lodges in this Domain, and the responses thereto you will find herewith. The proposition having failed of a majority, no assessment was made.

Goldsboro, N. C., May 7, 1901.

Circular No. 1.

To the Subordinate Lodges, in the Grand Domain of North Carolina:

Brethren:—At the recent Convention of the Grand Lodge, held in Greensboro April 23-24, 1901, a resolution was offered to levy a special per capita tax of One Dollar upon each member in the Domain, for the purpose of creating a fund to build, equip, maintain and endow a Pythian Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was referred to the Finance Committee, with request to report thereon.

The Finance Committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee on Finance to which was referred resolution No. 3, relative to the erection, equipment and maintenance of a Pythian Sanitarium at Hot Springs, beg leave to offer, and recommend the adoption of the following:

A Proposition to Assist in Establishing a Pythian Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Whereas, by special act of Congress the United States Government has given to the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, a ninety-nine year lease on nearly five acres of ground on the Government Reservation, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, immediately adjoining the United States Army and Navy Hospital; and

Whereas, the Supreme Lodge, at its recent convention, held in the city of Detroit, adopted the proposition to establish such Pythian Sanitarium and appointed a committee to frame such rules, regulations, statutes, etc., as may be necessary for its government; and

Whereas, the Supreme Lodge, at said recent convention, has recommended that each Grand Lodge within its Supreme Domain, levy upon their members a special per capita tax of $1.00 for the purpose of creating a fund to build, equip, maintain and endow said Pythian Sanitarium; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Grand Domain of North Carolina, that for the purpose of assisting in building, equipping, maintaining and endowing said Pythian Sanitarium, a per capita tax of one dollar ($1.00) be and is hereby levied on each member of the Order in this Grand Domain who is in good standing in his subordinate lodge. Said per capita tax shall be paid at the rate of 20 cents per year, ten cents with each semi-annual report, for a period of five years; provided, however, that the domains representing 250,000 members shall have adopted the resolutions levying a per capita tax of one dollar for said purpose. Provided further, that this resolution shall not be or become effective until the same shall have been submitted to and adopted by a majority of the Subordinate Lodges of this Domain; and,

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be and he

is hereby instructed and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Keeper of Records and Seal of each Subordinate Lodge with request that the same be introduced in his Lodge for immediate adoption or rejection; the action of the Lodges to be reported to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, not later than July 1, 1901.

J. H. HOFFMAN,
W. W. WILLSON,
ALFRED S. BARNARD,
Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge, this document is sent to the Subordinate Lodges with request that they act upon same, and notify this office as early as possible, not later than July 1st. When your lodge has acted upon the document, please fill up the attached certificate below, and send to this office, and oblige.

Yours fraternally,
W. T. HOLLOWELL, G. K. R. S.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify at a convention of ..... Lodge, No. ...., held on ....., 1901, circular letter No. 1, pertaining to the Pythian Sanitarium, "in which the subordinate lodges are asked to accept or reject the proposition for the Grand Lodge to levy a special per capita tax for said Sanitarium," was read and the lodge, by a vote of ..... in favor to ..... against ..... the proposition.

..... K. R. S.

Insert in blank line adopted or rejected, as the case may be.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE VOTE AS SENT IN TO THIS OFFICE ON THE ABOVE PROPOSITION.

Those Voting to Adopt the Proposition.		Those Voting to Reject the Proposition.	
Lodge No.....	8	Lodge No.....	1
Lodge No.....	27	Lodge No.....	2
Lodge No.....	32	Lodge No.....	4
Lodge No.....	38	Lodge No.....	5
Lodge No.....	40	Lodge No.....	6
Lodge No.....	42	Lodge No.....	31
Lodge No.....	53	Lodge No.....	37
Lodge No.....	55	Lodge No.....	41
Lodge No.....	64	Lodge No.....	49
Lodge No.....	67	Lodge No.....	50
Lodge No.....	68	Lodge No.....	51
Lodge No.....	70	Lodge No.....	54

Those Voting to Adopt the Proposition.

Lodge No..... 73
Lodge No..... 75
Lodge No..... 78
Lodge No..... 80
Lodge No..... 81
Lodge No..... 82
Lodge No..... 91
Lodge No..... 96
Lodge No.....100
Lodge No.....105
Lodge No.....118

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Those Voting to Reject the Proposition.

Lodge No..... 56
Lodge No..... 61
Lodge No..... 63
Lodge No..... 65
Lodge No..... 66
Lodge No..... 71
Lodge No..... 77
Lodge No..... 83
Lodge No..... 84
Lodge No..... 86
Lodge No..... 90
Lodge No..... 92
Lodge No..... 93
Lodge No..... 94
Lodge No..... 99
Lodge No.....101
Lodge No.....110
Lodge No.....111
Lodge No.....116
Lodge No.....119
Lodge No.....120
Lodge No.....122

Against adoption 34

The following resolutions were sent to this office by Concord Lodge No. 51, with request that they be presented to the Grand Lodge and their protest entered against the levying of this tax:

Whereas, Concord Lodge No. 51, K. of P., has been called upon to express its wishes in regard to being taxed for the establishment of a Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark., and as this Lodge unanimously objects to the proposed tax, therefore be it resolved,

1. That we are willing to pay a reasonable assessment to provide some medical relief for indigent, afflicted Pythians in North Carolina, and

2. That we recommend to our Grand Lodge to consider the matter of negotiating with some reliable, well equipped hospital in our State for this purpose, and wise and proper plans formulated by which to confer such benefits where they are needed among our brethren.

DEATHS.

The death list being reported by the Grand Chancellor, I deem it unnecessary to again give it.

CAROLINA PYTHIAN.

Our paper, the Carolina Pythian, has done much good in the Domain, and the editor, Bro. Baird, has worked zealously for the upbuilding of the Order and I am satisfied has been one of the main factors in cementing the bonds of friendship that exist in our Domain to-day. No Grand Lodge has an official Organ whose editor has labored more zealously than has ours, and it should be a source of pride to our people to know that we have one of the best Pythian publications in the Supreme Domain.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Some action should be taken by the Grand Lodge, requiring subordinate lodges to insure their property, as in the past few years several have been burned out, entailing an entire loss of property, and in some instances have almost broken up the lodge.

CALIFORNIA IN AUGUST.

The next biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge will be held at San Francisco, California, August 12th, and special rates have been made for all who wish to visit the Pacific coast. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of that Domain writes me that ample provision has been made for all who attend and that the Knights of California are making big preparations to give all a good time.

CONCLUSION.

It does not cost much to offer a kind word and I feel that my report would be incomplete without kindly reference to those with whom I have been associated in the work. Grand Chancellor Lawrence P. McLoud, with a spirit of determination, entered upon his duties as our executive with the expectation and desire to, if possible, make a record that would be second to none, but soon thereafter his business relations called him from the Domain and while he has been absent most of the time, his heart has been in the work, and while he could not conduct it personally, he was well represented in the person of our worthy Grand Lecturer, J. Robert Jordan, who has at all times done his duty, both as Grand Lecturer and Acting Grand Chancellor. To these brothers I wish to return my thanks for courtesies.

To the Keepers of Records and Seal of the subordinate lodges, I wish to return thanks for their promptness in matters pertaining to that office, and to the entire membership of the Domain I am under obligations for kind treatment.

It is a source of pride and gratification that the Order we love so

well continues to grow and prosper, and while we have not made as large gains as in some former years, we have not lost any of the fraternity that is known to exist among the Knights in this Domain. God grant that we may continue to grow and the fraternal feeling may be as lasting as time. Fraternally.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
G. K. R. S.

Goldsboro, N. C., April 1, 1902.

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR TERMS ENDING JUNE 30 AND DEC. 31, 1901.

A.			FIRST TERM.										SECOND TERM.										RANK.					
Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Membership Dec. 31, 1900.	Additions.				Deductions.					Membership June 30, 1901.	Additions.				Deductions.					Dec. 31, 1901, Membership.	P. G. Chancellors	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
			Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Deductions.		Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Deductions.							
1	Stonewall	140	1	1	..	142			1	.	1	141	4	1		146	1		2	1	4	142	1	51	90		..	142
2	Clarendon	82	1	1	..	84	..		1		1	83	1	1	1	86	3	..	4	..	7	79	1	22	55	1	..	79
3	Centre	38	...	..	4	42	2	1	2	1	6	36	..	35	4	75	2	..	5	..	7	68	..	36	32	..	..	68
4	Germania	51	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	....	51	..	..	..	51	..		1	..	1	50	1	34	15	..	..	50
5	Cumberland	199	2	..	1	202	2	..	4	2	8	194	1	..	..	195	1	..	3	2	6	189	2	40	147	..	..	189
6	Ruffin	176	8	1	1	186	5	..	4	2	11	175	2			177	..	..	..	1	1	176	2	34	137	3	..	176
8	Athenia	51	9	1	3	64	2	.	3		5	59	2	..	..	61	..	1	..	..	1	60	..	10	48	.	2	60
24	Salisbury	114	5	1		120	2	..	6	1	9	111	..	..		111	2	..	..	3	5	106	..	26	80	..	..	106
27	Scotland	36	....	..	..	36	..	..	4	..	4	32	....	..		32	1	..	..	..	1	31	.	13	18	..	..	31
31	Durham	132	5	1	1	139	4	..	1	1	6	133	2	1	.	136	2	..	11	1	14	122	..	16	106	..	..	122
32	Pisgah	167	11	2	..	180	..	..	..	2	2	178	3	3	1	185	4	..	8	..	12	173	1	20	150	2	..	173
33	Maxton	15	....	.		15	..	..	..	..	....	15	..	..	..	15	..		..	1	1	14	..	3	11	..	..	14
34	Phalanx *	44	..	..	..	44	..		8	..	8	36	..	..	..	36	36	..	..	..	36	....	..	....	....	..	..	....
35	Lumberton	45	..		..	45		.	5	..	5	40	....		..	40	..	..	1	..	1	39	..	18	21	..		39
37	Rathbone	168	5	3	..	176	6	.	10	..	16	160	2	2	1	165	5		5	.	10	155	1	22	129	2	1	155
38	Monroe	43	..	..	..	43	2	..	2	..	4	39	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	....	40	.	17	23	..	..	40
39	High Point	36	2	..	..	38	..	..	4	2	6	32	1	..	1	34	1	..	3	..	4	30	.	9	21	..	..	30
40	Welcome	34	..	.	1	35	2		..	..	2	33	....	..	..	33	..	..	1	..	1	32	..	13	19	..	..	32
41	Damon	208	4	..	..	212	3	..	23	1	27	185	1	..	..	186	3	..	12	..	15	171	1	10	160	..	..	171
42	Shelby	37	1	1	..	39	..	..	9	1	10	29	..	..	..	29	..	..	9	.	9	20	..	5	15	.	..	20

43	Liberty	27		1		28						28				28			2		2	26		16	10			26
45	Asheboro	37			1	38			7		7	31	3			34	2			1	3	31		9	22			31
46	Statesville	110	4	2		116	2		2		4	112				112	3		1	1	5	107	1	13	93			107
48	Lincolnton †	26				26	2		1		3	23				23						23		11	12			23
49	Reidsville	38	4	1	3	46			4		4	42	7	1	1	51			7		7	44		8	36			44
50	Burlington	46	3	1	7	57			2	1	3	54	1			55			2		2	53		13	40			53
51	Concord	66	3	2		71	1		1		2	69	3	1	4	77	1				1	76		15	61			76
53	Gastonia	65	11	1		77	1		4		5	72	2	1		75			1	1	2	73		14	59			73
54	Catawba	47		1		48	3				3	45	1	1		47						47		15	32			47
55	Rowland	23	3			26						26	1		1	28			5		5	23		5	18			23
56	Salem	94	12	1		107		1	4	1	6	101	3			104	2		1		3	101		13	88			101
58	Mt. Ida	43	3	1		47			7		7	40	4			44			1		1	43		10	32	1		43
60	Aberdeen †	20				20			5		5	15				15						15		4	11			15
61	Jefferson	76	25	2		103						103	3	1		107			3	1	4	103	1	12	88	1	1	103
62	Balsam	37	3		1	41			3		3	38	5		1	44			6	1	7	37		9	27	1		37
63	Ramseur	40	1		1	42	2		6		8	34	1		1	36	1		6		7	29		9	19		1	29
64	Burke †	62	1			63	2		3	1	6	57				57						57		15	42			57
65	Zeb Vance	78	6			84			2		2	82	3	1		86			2	1	3	83		11	72			83
66	Kinston	47	3	1		51						51	4			55	1				1	54		15	37	1	1	54
67	North Wilkesboro	20	6			26	1		1		2	24	1	1		26						26		6	19		1	26
68	Mt. Holly	19	2		1	22	1				1	21	3			24			1		1	23		6	16	1		23
69	Guilford	51	2	1		54	1		4	1	6	48	1		1	50		1	4		5	45		10	35			45
70	Henrietta	65	9	1	2	77	5		3		8	69	4			73	1		4		5	68		8	59	1		68
71	Lexington	68	4			72	6		5		11	61	1	1		63	2				2	61	1	9	50	1		61
72	Excelsior	16				16	1		3		4	12				12			2		2	10		4	6			10
73	Pamlico	67	2	1	2	72				2	2	70		1		71	1		2		3	68		12	55	1		68
74	Waxhaw †	51	5			56			1		1	55				55						55		17	38			55
75	Wadesboro	53	1		1	55	2				2	53	1			54	2			1	3	51		12	39			51
77	Matthews	35	4		1	40			1		1	39			1	40			1		1	39		11	28			39
78	Caldwell	29	4	2	1	36	2				2	34	1			35						35		5	30			35
80	Greensboro	158	4	9		171	2				2	169	1	3		173	1		2		3	170	2	23	142	2	1	170
81	Norwood	22	3	1	2	28						28	1		3	32	1		9		10	22		8	14			22
82	Forest City	55	2			57	1				1	56				56			3		3	53		8	45			53
83	Charlotte	95	4			99	2		5	1	8	91	2	1		94	1		10	1	12	82		11	71			82

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—CONTINUED.

A. Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Membership, Dec. 31, 1900.	First Term. Additions. Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Deductions. Withdrawn.	Expelled	Suspended.	Died.	Total Deductions	Membership, June 30, 1901.	Second Term. Additions. Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Deductions. Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died	Total Deductions.	Membership, Dec. 31, 1901.	Rank. P. G. Chancellors	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
84	Rocky Mount	53	8	..	..	61	..	..	..	2	2	59	4	..	..	63	2		1	..	3	60	..	14	44	..	2	60
85	Henderson	39	2	1	3	45	..	..	..	..	....	45	7	.	.	52	..	..	3	..	3	49	..	11	38	..	..	49
86	Bethania	29	4	.	..	33	.	.	1	..	1	32	....	..	..	32	.		2	..	2	30	..	8	22	..	..	30
87	Contentnea	37	1	..	..	38	1	..	..	1	2	36	6	1	..	43	4	..	7	..	11	32	..	8	21	2	1	32
88	Pittsboro	14	.	..	..	14	..	..	1	..	1	13	....	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	...	13	..	10	2	1	.	13
89	Pineville	26	1	1	1	29	..	..	4	.	4	25	....	..	..	25	.	..	..	..	....	25	.	5	20	..	..	25
90	Mecklenburg	123	9	5	.	137	1	..	10	.	11	126	5	2	1	134	2	..	21	..	23	111	..	12	98	..	1	111
91	Red Springs	59	..	1	1	61	..	..	2	..	2	59	2	..	..	61	1	..	..	..	1	60	..	10	49	..	1	60
92	Graham	38	3	..	..	41	1	..	..	..	1	40	1	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	...	41	.	11	30	..	..	41
93	Tar River	38	5		..	43	1	..		..	1	42	....	1	..	43	..	..	..	..	....	43	1	14	28	..	..	43
94	King's Mountain	45	9	..	1	55	2	..	..	.	2	53	3	.	..	56	.	..	..	..	....	56	..	8	47	1	..	56
95	Rockingham †	25	..	..		25	..	.	4	..	4	21	..	.		21	..	..	..	..	....	21	..	10	11	..	..	21
96	Piedmont	22	8	2	..	32	..	..	1	..	1	31	5	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	....	36	..	5	30	1	..	36
97	Chapel Hill	35	4	1	1	41	..	..	..	..	....	41	....	1	..	42	..	2	6	.	8	34	..	10	24	.	.	34
98	Troy	21	....	..	.	21	..		..	..	....	21	1	3	..	25	1	..	10	.	11	14	..	2	12	..	..	14
99	Rutherfordton	53	...	1	.	54	1	.	1	..	2	52	1	1	..	54	..	..	2	..	2	52	..	9	43	.	.	52
100	Rowan	71	1	..	..	72	2	1	4	.	7	65	..		2	67	..	.	..	..	....	67	..	8	58	.	1	67
101	Worthville	21	1	1	..	23	..	..	.	.	....	23	1	1	..	25	..	.	..	..	....	25	.	7	18	..	..	25
102	China Grove	22	1	1	1	25	2		..	..	2	23	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	...	23	..	5	18	..	..	23
103	Whetstone	51	2	..	..	53	..	..	.	..	....	53	2	..	..	55	4	..	16	1	21	34	..	8	26	..	..	34

104	Davidson	43	1	1		45	1		1	1	3	42				42						42		10	32			42
105	Independence	21				21	2				2	19	1			20			5		5	15		4	11			15
106	Asheville	70	20	1		91			6	1	7	84	2	2	1	89			1	1	2	87		9	77	1		87
107	Raeford	25	1			26						26				26	2		10	1	13	13		4	8	1		13
108	Southern Pines	33	1	2		36			1		1	35				35						35		9	26			35
109	East Durham	34	7	1		42						42	4			46				1	1	45		3	40	1	1	45
110	Walkertown	21	4			25						25	2			27						27		6	21			27
111	Myrtle	18	5			23				1	1	22				22						22		7	15			22
112	Albemarle	33	8	2		43	1		2		3	40	11	1		52						52		5	36	3	8	52
113	Hamlet †	29	3			32			1		1	31				31						31		8	23			31
114	Columbus	40	2			42	9				9	33	1			34			2		2	32		4	28			32
115	Star	20	2			22			1		1	21	4			25		1			1	24		7	13	2	2	24
116	Hendersonville	15	6	1	3	25						25	1			26			2		2	24		6	18			24
117	Siler City		17			17						17				17						17		3	14			17
118	Tryon		21	1		22						22	3			25						25		8	17			25
119	Caroleen		16	6		22						22	6	1		29	3				3	26		4	22			26
120	Newton		24			24						24	1			25						25		6	18	1		25
121	Clarkton		20			20						20	2	1		23						23		5	18			23
122	Elizabeth City		23	2		25						25		1		26						26		6	20			26
123	Sanford		13	2		15						15	4	2		21						21		4	14	3		21
124	Spencer		22	2		24						24	4			28						28		2	26			28
125	Neuse												22	1		23						23		5	15		3	23
126	Ellenboro												17			17						17		4	13			17
		4826	463	76	45	5410	91	3	201	26	321	5089	199	75	26	5389	99	5	228	21	353	5036	16	1070	3887	35	28	5036

* Consolidated with Number 3. † Estimated—Report not in.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE YEAR.

B. No.	LODGE.	To Balance.	To Per Capita Tax.	To Dispensations.	To Supplies.	To Orphan Fund.	Total Debits.	By Old Balance.	By Cash.	Total Credits.	To Bal. due Orphan F'd.	To Bal. due G. L. per Capita Tax.	To Balance due for Dispensations.	To Balance due G. L. Supplies.	By Balance Due Lodge.
1	Stonewall		$ 141 50	$	$ 85	$ 5 00	$ 147 35	$	$ 147 35	$ 147 35	$	$	$	$	$
2	Clarendon		81 00			2 00	83 00		83 00	83 00					
3	Center		52 00		2 85		54 85		54 85	54 85					
4	Germania		50 50		80		51 30		51 30	51 30					
5	Cumberland		191 50		4 45	3 00	198 95		198 95	198 95					
6	Ruffin		175 50	2 00	3 40	10 00	190 90		190 90	190 90					
8	Athenia		59 50		1 15	11 00	71 65		71 65	71 65					
24	Salisbury		108 50		3 65	5 00	117 15		117 15	117 15					
27	Scotland		31 50		1 90		33 40		32 75	32 75				65	
31	Durham		127 50		4 80	7 00	139 30		139 05	139 05				25	
32	Pisgah		175 50	2 00	3 05	14 00	194 55		194 55	194 55					
33	Maxton		14 50				14 50	1 40	14 50	15 90					1 40
34	Phalanx		18 00				18 00		18 00	18 00					
35	Lumberton		39 50		1 65		41 15	60	40 55	41 15					
37	Rathbone		157 50		5 15	7 00	169 65		169 65	169 65					
38	Monroe		39 50		3 40		42 90		42 90	42 90					
39	High Point	50	31 00		90	3 00	35 40		35 40	35 40					
40	Welcome		32 50				32 50		32 50	32 50					
41	Damon		178 00		2 80	6 00	186 80		186 80	186 80					
42	Shelby	40	24 50		1 50	1 00	27 40		26 40	26 40	1 00				
43	Liberty	50	27 00				27 50		27 50	27 50					
45	Asheboro		31 00		1 75	3 00	35 75	1 00	35 75	36 75					1 00
46	Statesville		109 50		5 35	4 00	118 85		118 85	118 85					
48	Lincolnton		23 00		40		23 40		23 00	23 00				40	

49	Reidsville		43 00		1 60	11 00	55 60	50	56 10	56 60						1 00
50	Burlington		53 50		4 75	4 00	62 25		62 25	62 25						
51	Concord		77 50	2 00	5 10	6 00	90 60		90 60	90 60						
53	Gastonia		72 50	4 00	3 75	13 00	93 25		93 25	93 25						
54	Catawba		46 00		2 90	1 00	49 90		49 90	49 90						
55	Rowland		24 50		50	4 00	29 00		29 00	29 00						
56	Salem		101 00		6 95	15 00	122 95		122 95	122 95						
58	Mount Ida		41 50		1 20	7 00	49 70		49 70	49 70						
60	Aberdeen		7 50				7 50		7 50	7 50						
61	Jefferson		103 00		25	28 00	131 25		131 25	131 25						
62	Balsam		37 50	2 00	4 63	8 00	52 13		52 13	52 13						
63	Ramseur		31 50	2 00	50	2 00	36 00		36 00	36 00						
64	Burke		55 00		1 40	4 00	60 40		60 40	60 40						
65	Zeb Vance		82 50	2 00	1 25	9 00	94 75		92 75	92 75			2 00			
66	Kinston		52 50		7 65	7 00	67 15		67 15	67 15						
67	North Wilkesboro	25	25 00	2 00	12 93	7 00	47 18		47 18	47 18						
68	Mount Holly		22 00			5 00	27 00		27 00	27 00						
69	Guilford	2 00	46 50	2 00	2 30	3 00	55 80		53 10	53 10			2 00	70		
70	Henrietta		68 50		8 05	13 00	89 55		89 55	89 55						
71	Lexington		61 00		2 90	5 00	68 90		68 90	68 90						
72	Excelsior		11 00				11 00		11 00	11 00						
73	Pamlico		69 00		6 70	2 00	77 70		78 70	78 70						1 00
74	Waxhaw		55 00		40	5 00	60 40		60 00	60 00				40		
75	Wadesboro		52 00		1 90	2 00	55 90		56 30	56 30						40
77	Matthews		39 00		80	4 00	43 80		43 80	43 80						
78	Caldwell		34 50		7 90	5 00	47 40		47 00	47 00				40		
80	Greensboro		169 50		20 83	5 00	195 33		194 13	194 13				1 20		
81	Norwood		25 00			4 00	29 00		29 00	29 00						
82	Forest City	35	54 50		1 85	2 00	58 70		56 85	56 85				1 85		
83	Charlotte		86 50		26 35	6 00	118 85		118 85	118 85						
84	Rocky Mount		59 50	4 00	20 70	12 00	96 20		96 20	96 20						
85	Henderson	1 75	47 00		1 85	9 00	59 60		59 60	59 60						
86	Bethania		31 00		65	4 00	35 65	22 25	35 65	57 90						22 25
87	Contentnea		34 00	2 00	2 40	7 00	45 40		45 40	45 40						

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE YEAR—Continued.

B. No.	LODGES.	To Balance.	To Per Capita Tax.	To Dispensations.	To Supplies.	To Orphan Fund.	Total Debits	By Old Balance.	By Cash.	Total Credits	To Bal. due Orphan F'd.	To Bal. due G. L. per Capita Tax.	To Balance due for Dispensations.	To Balance due G. L. Supplies.	By Balance Due Lodge.
88	Pittsboro	$	$ 13 00	$	$	$	$ 13 00	$	$ 13 00	$ 13 00	$	$	$	$	$
89	Pineville		12 50			1 00	13 50		13 50	13 50					
90	Mecklenburg	1 20	118 50	2 00	2 50	14 00	138 20		138 20	138 20					
91	Red Springs		59 50		1 35	2 00	62 85		62 85	62 85					
92	Graham		40 50		4 75	4 00	49 25		49 25	49 25					
93	Tar River	50	42 50		1 35	5 00	49 35		49 35	49 35					
94	Kings Mountain		54 50		2 20	12 00	68 70		68 70	68 70					
95	Rockingham		18 00				18 00		18 00	18 00					
96	Piedmont		33 50		6 95	13 00	53 45		53 45	53 45					
97	Chapel Hill		37 50	2 00	1 30	4 00	44 80		44 80	44 80					
98	Troy	2 50	36 00		1 40	1 00	40 90		42 00	42 00					1 10
99	Rutherfordton		52 00			1 00	53 00		53 00	53 00					
100	Rowan		67 00		1 40	1 00	69 40		69 40	69 40					
101	Worthville		24 00	2 00	35	2 00	28 35		28 35	28 35					
102	China Grove		23 00			1 00	24 00	5 40	28 00	33 40					9 40
103	Whetstone	1 55	43 50		2 80	4 00	51 85		49 05	49 05				2 80	
104	Davidson		42 00			3 00	45 00		46 50	46 50					1 50
105	Independence		17 00		25	1 00	18 25		18 00	18 00				25	
106	Asheville	80	85 50		4 10	15 00	105 40		103 95	103 95				1 45	
107	Raeford		19 50		2 30	1 00	22 80		22 80	22 80					
108	Southern Pines		35 00		2 00	1 00	38 00		37 74	37 74				26	
109	East Durham		43 50		2 60	11 00	57 10		57 10	57 10					
110	Walkertown		26 00		80	6 00	32 80		32 80	32 80					
111	Myrtle		22 00		80	5 00	27 80		27 80	27 80					

112	Albemarle	1 30	46 00	.....	12 75	19 00	79 05	.....	79 05	79 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
113	Hamlet	40	15 50	.....	90	3 00	19 80	.....	119 30	119 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 50
114	Columbus	50	32 50	.....	40	3 00	36 40	.....	36 40	36 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
115	Star	.....	22 50	2 00	80	6 00	31 30	.....	31 30	31 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
116	Hendersonville	.....	24 50	.....	25 00	7 00	56 50	.....	56 50	56 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
117	Siler City	.....	17 00	.....	25 00	2 00	44 00	.....	44 00	44 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
118	Tryon	.....	23 50	.....	26 90	5 00	55 40	.....	55 40	55 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
119	Caroleen	.....	24 00	.....	45 40	9 00	78 40	.....	78 40	78 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
120	Newton	.....	24 50	.....	25 90	1 00	51 40	.....	51 40	51 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
121	Clarkton	.....	16 50	.....	25 50	2 00	44 00	.....	35 50	35 50	2 00	6 50	.....	.....	.....
122	Elizabeth City	.....	25 50	.....	26 50	3 00	55 00	.....	55 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
123	Sanford	.....	18 00	.....	40 25	4 00	62 25	.....	62 25	62 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
124	Spencer	.....	26 00	2 00	151 75	4 00	183 75	.....	183 75	183 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
125	Neuse	.....	11 50	.....	125 40	11 00	147 90	.....	147 90	147 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
126	Ellenboro	.....	4 25	.....	125 00	.....	129 25	.....	129 25	129 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
127	Lattimore	.....	.....	2 00	125 00	.....	127 00	.....	127 00	127 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
128	Fremont	.....	.....	.....	125 00	.....	125 00	.....	125 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
129	Roanoke	.....	.....	.....	125 00	.....	125 00	.....	125 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		14 50	5037 25	38 00	1282 39	487 00	6859 14	31 15	6942 43	6973 58	3 00	6 50	4 00	10 61	138 55

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR.

No.	Favor of	Amount.
1.	W. W. Willson, D. D. G. C., Traveling Expenses	$ 38 20
2.	John Ward, Postage	6 00
3.	John Ward, Expense G. L. Convention	1,266 87
4.	L. P. McLoud, G. C. Expenses	100 00
5.	J. Robert Jordan, Grand Lecturer, Expenses	45 55
6.	Supreme Lodge Supplies	84 90
7.	D. C. Waddell, Premium on Bond	37 50
8.	G. W. Montcastle, Instituting 124	5 12
9.	H. O. Parker, D. D. G. C., Expenses	12 70
10.	W. H. Horstman Co., Supplies	95 54
11.	Supreme Lodge Supplies	58 84
12.	Nash Bros., Printing	31 60
13.	G. W. Dewey & Bro., Premium on Bond	8 00
14.	Supreme Lodge Supplies	20 06
15.	H. O. Parker, Visit	5 80
16.	W. W. Willson, Visit	6 80
17.	R. W. Craton, Insurance	5 00
18.	Nash Bros., G. L. Journal	155 82
19.	L. P. McLoud, G. C	100 00
20.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	75 00
21.	Carolina Pythian	15 00
22.	Carolina Pythian	75 00
23.	J. L. Scott, G. V. C., Expenses	6 50
24.	Supreme Lodge Supplies	36 87
25.	A. A. Whitener, D. D. G. C	13 50
26.	C. L. Woodall, Instituting No. 123	31 78
27.	W. T. Hollowell, Expenses, Etc	9 35
28.	W. T. Hollowell, Postage on Journal	32 50
29.	W. T. Hollowell, Postage and Office Expenses	46 50
30.	G. A. Norwood, Rent of Office	20 00
31.	W. H. Horstman, Supplies	95 54
32.	Supreme Lodge Supplies	193 04
33.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	100 00
34.	Supreme Lodge Supplies	18 50
35.	L. P. McLoud, G. C	50 00
36.	Supreme Lodge, Supplies	16 60
37.	Carolina Pythian	75 00
38.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	100 00
39.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	50 00
40.	W. C. Crist, D. D. G. C	3 50
41.	W. D. Kennedy, Subscription	3 00
42.	Supreme Lodge, Supplies	25 15

43.	John C. Mills, Instituting No. 126	18 17
44.	W. H. Horstman, Supplies	95 54
45.	L. P. McLoud, G. C	100 00
46.	A. A. Whitener, D. D. G. C	10 15
47.	Nash Bros., Printing	21 45
48.	Supreme Lodge, Supplies	32 05
49.	W. H. Horstman, Supplies	95 54
50.	E. W. Smith, D. D. G. C	14 55
51.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	50 00
52.	A. A. Whitener, Instituting No. 127	20 30
53.	J. M. Boyette, D. D. G. C	10 30
54.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	50 00
55.	Supreme Lodge, Supplies	28 54
56.	Carolina Pythian	75 00
57.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	75 00
58.	A. S. Barnard, Visit	15 10
59.	J. L. Scott, Expenses	16 00
60.	Chas. E. McLean, D. D. G. C	8 45
61.	L. P. McLoud, G. C	75 00
62.	W. H. Horstman, Supplies	100 63
63.	Supreme Lodge, Supplies	26 15
64.	D. F. Summey, Expenses	23 05
65.	J. Robert Jordan, G. L	100 00
66.	Supreme Lodge, Tax	201 44
67.	W. T. Hollowell, Salary	500 00
68.	John C. Mills, Salary	50 00
69.	L. P. McLoud, G. C	75 00
70.	Carolina Pythian	75 00
71.	W. H. Hortsman, Supplies	99 58
72.	G. A. Norwood, Rent	40 00
73.	W. T. Hollowell, Expense Account	98 30
74.	W. T. Hollowell, Instituting No. 128	25 46
75.	L. P. McLoud, G. L	28 25
76.	L. P. McLoud, G. C	25 00
77.	Supreme Lodge, Supplies	59 40
78.	E. W. Smith, Instituting No. 129	38 24
79.	E. W. Smith, Expense Account	24 20
80.	Orphan Fund, 10 per cent. G. L. Tax	503 22
	Total	$6,080 69

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

Rutherfordton, N. C., April 10, 1902.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

Brethren:—I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of receipts and disbursements of my office as Grand Master of Exchequer for the past year and also statement showing the condition of the Orphan Fund:

GENERAL FUND.

1901. Receipts.	
April 15—Balance on hand	$ 3,698.28
May 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	321.75
July 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	1,644.90
August 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	625.12
September 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	252.13
October 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	213.70
November 30—Rceived during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	40.00
December 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	133.60
1902.	
January 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	1,638.99
February 28—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	794.10
March 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	452.55
April 10—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	357.09
	$10,172.21

Disbursements.

By warrants Nos. 1 to 80	$ 6,080.69
Balance on hand	$ 4,091.52

ORPHANS' FUND.

Rutherfordton, N. C., April 10, 1902.

1901.	
April 15—Balance on hand	$ 7,523.46
July 1—Received from Raleigh Savings Bank, interest	23.56
July 1—Received from Mechanics Bank of Raleigh	56.34
July 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	211.50
August 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	55.00
September 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	22.50
October 30—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	19.00
October 30—Received from Charlotte National Bank, interest	70.00
1902.	
January 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	95.00
February 28—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	41.00
February 28—Received from Bank of Lexington, interest	92.07
March 31—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	23.00
March 31—Donation from Dr. W. T. Parrott	13.00
April 10—Received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	19.50
April 10—Grand Lodge 10 Per Cent. Tax	503.22
	$ 8,768.15

This fund is deposited as follows:

In Charlotte National Bank, Charlotte	$ 3,000.00
In Bank of Lexington, Lexington	5,254.93
In Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton	513.22
	$ 8,768.15

Fraternally,

JOHN C. MILLS,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

Brethren:—Since your last regular Convention, the Supreme Lodge was called together in special convention to consider the Endowment Rank. This special convention was held in the City of Chicago on the 9th day of July, 1901, and continued for three days.

What was done at that convention, the causes which led to its necessity, and subsequent events, have been so fully discussed and mentioned in the Pythian as well as the secular press, that we do not deem it necessary to make a detailed report.

Suffice it to say that actual experience proved to the Supreme Lodge that the annual income of the Board of Control was not sufficient to meet the death losses and expenses, and therefore it was found to be absolutely necessary to raise the rates of insurance of the Endowment Rank to an amount which would enable the Board of Control to promptly pay all death losses, as well as expenses, and put the insurance branch of the Order upon a sound and solid financial condition. The tabulated reports showed that there had been an increasing deficiency, and good business judgment demanded a greater income which would promptly liquidate all expenses and death losses.

The increased rate caused a large number of the members of the Endowment Rank to unwisely drop their insurance, but many have been reinstated and others are joining, so that the loss in membership has been considerably less than was anticipated.

On April 30th the President of the Board of Control made the following statement to the Supreme Chancellor, which most satisfactorily explains the condition of the Endowment Rank:

"The total receipts for the month at the close of business to-day are $160,033.23; the death loss is $93,000; there are 761 new applicants for the month, only 16 less than March. The membership is at least 500 larger now than at the beginning of the month. Liabilities will be reduced nearly $60,000 this month, bringing us below the $200,000 mark. A year ago our liabilities were as follows: For death claims, $559,000; for Lexington Hotel furniture balance,

$45,000; miscellaneous items, $15,000; making a total of $619,000. Counting the assets allowed by the Insurance Departments, the Endowment Rank is practically out of debt. All death claims are now paid immediately after the filing of the final proofs of loss. There are only seventeen claims in litigation as against fifty-eight a year ago. We move to the Manhattan Building to-morrow."

This statement shows that the Rank is in good condition and proves the wisdom of the Supreme Lodge in advancing the rates. We earnestly recommend the Endowment Rank to all the members of the order who desire insurance.

It is gratifying to report that the order of the Knights of Pythias is gradually increasing in members, strength and influence. During the year 1901, there was a net increase of 23,194, and it is equally gratifying to state tnat the Supreme Lodge is out of debt, the first time for many years.

The next regular Convention of the Supreme Lodge will be held in San Francisco, beginning August 10th. The railroads will give a very reasonable rate, and we hope a large number of our brethren from this Grand Domain can take advantage of the opportunity to visit beautiful California and take part in the greatest Pythian gathering which has probably ever been held,

Fraternally,

CHAS. A. WEBB,

T. S. FRANKLIN.

May 12, 1902.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In submitting this my second report, as Foreign Correspondent, I congratulate the Order upon its present, splendid condition. The trial through which it has passed during the last year, when evil of every kind was predicted, and every one seemed to be looking for its dissolution, was like the refiner's fire, that brought it out purer and stronger than ever, and the almost unprecedented manner, in which the members rallied to its support, is proof, as strong as holy writ, that Pythianism is here to stay.

From almost every Domain, come encouraging reports, and while the suspension list, our "Bete Noir," is still large, still the number of re-instatements is growing, which proves that they know a good thing when they see it. Some of the Grand Chancellors have bent their energies more to the regaining of suspended members, than to securing new ones, which is a good idea, for a man will rarely ever allow himself to be suspended the second time, if he is not devoid of self-respect. In trying to solve this question the Masters of Finance come in for a large share of blame, but I think unjustly so, for in most instances our Masters of Finance are men who are not blessed with an overabundance of the world's goods, and have to labor for others, to provide for home and loved ones, and haven't the time to devote to a personal application for the payment of dues; and until they are paid an amount to justify this, the censure is unjust.

The Endowment Rank is being well supported and under the new Management it is stronger than ever before. In some quarters the Uniform Rank is taking on new life, but in others it is not being supported as it deserves. In one instance, at least, the fear is expressed that this branch of the Order is striving to encroach upon the other branches in that they have proposed an amendment to the Supreme Statutes that no one shall be eligible to offices in the Supreme body who is not a member in good standing of the Uniform Rank. While we would like to see the Uniform Rank prosper, still we would dislike to see this step taken, for it would certainly mean the disruption of the whole Order, and sound its death knell.

I have examined 45 Journals, all that I have received. If any

Domain is not reviewed it must be attributed to the fact that the Journal was not received.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & B.

N. B. ALEXANDER, Committee.

ALABAMA.

The Journal of this Domain contains 177 closely written pages, and upon a careful examination of it, one is convinced that Pythianism is alive and growing. The report of G. K. of R. and S. shows that in 1897 this Grand Lodge was in debt, but at the time of their last convention, which assembled on May 7th, 1901, in Montgomery, they had a surplus in their Exchequer of $6,873.51; certainly a fine showing.

The Grand Chancellor in his report deplores the fact that sickness in his family for months prevented his visiting the subordinate lodges as he fully intended doing, but the very loyal support he received from his officers, in this work, compensated, in a great measure, for his failure. A proposition looking to the building of a hall, for the Grand Lodge was sat down upon by the Committee to whom it was referred for the reason that they did not think that their financial condition had reached the point that would justify it.

For the first time they insert a report of a Commitee on Fraternal Correspondence, and a good report it is. They examined the Journals of fifty-two Domains and comment fully doing justice to all alike—this is a very wise move on the part of this Domain, for without a report on this subject, they have been shut out from the Pythian world, and confined as by a Chinese wall, to their own sphere. It is well to know what is going on, on the outside, even if it is often told in homely phrase, and it is a mistake to think that these reports are never read. They are read in a great many instances, and much information is derived therefrom.

Grand Chancellor, Dr. W. H. Wilder, Birmingham.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Donahoo, Talladega.

ARKANSAS.

This Domain gets out a neatly printed, and well gotten up Journal. The Grand Chancellor's report, at their meeting in Little Rock, May 21st, 1901, is a good document dealing intelligently with questions interesting the Order.

He is an advocate for reducing the fees for initiation, without the fear of injuring the Order, by cheapening it. He added to his roll

six new lodges and revived several others. . Whenever the law as to holding "District Meetings" was complied with the lodges have been greatly benefitted. He suggests that the office of "District Deputy Grand Chancellor" be abolished, and the meetings be placed entirely in the hands of the Grand Chancellor, and compel him or some other Grand Lodge officer to attend them. The Uniform Rank is reported to be in good condition.

The report of Bro. Bartlett, on Foreign Correspondence is well written and contains many valuable suggestions.

Grand Chancellor, J. J. Doyne, Little Rock.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, B. W. Bartlett, Little Rock.

ARIZONA.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain met at Mesa on May 8th, 1901.

The Journal, in Document No. 2, which is the opening of the Sessions contains a report of the Supreme representatives, and in this report they give a synopsis of the Supreme Chancellor's report, in which he commends in glowing terms The Endowment Rank of the Order, and in reading it, one is almost forced to exclaim, in view of results, that have followed this administration, What perfidy! The management of this, the most important branch of the Order, is nothing less than criminal. It has been managed as if the Supreme Lodge, or the Order Universal was established solely for the benefit of this Board of Control, and if they did not purloin the funds themselves, they squandered them by investing them in worthless securities. The crippling of this branch has done more to retard the progress of the Order than anything else could have done.

The Grand Chancellor in his report bemoans the fact that one of his trusted officers, viz: G. K. of R. and S. had become a defaulter, stealing even the funds he received for the Galveston and Utah mine sufferers. And he charges it all to the fact that in a great many instances men are elevated to places of honor and trust, simply because they are good fellows. He says that his "Black Sheep" had spent the funds of the Order in drinking and gambling, then bringing disgrace not only upon the Order, but to his family.

If we are to judge the personnel of the Order in Arizona by his report, it has certainly degenerated, or is far below the standard in these parts. He says that the members of the Grand Lodge, or many of them, consider its sessions a time for a big drunk, and these sessions have been a disgrace to the Order, in the last few years. He charges them of getting drunk and making a "holy show" of themselves, and creating a great deal of uncomplimentary com-

ment about the Order. The report of G. K. of R. and S. shows 18 lodges with a membership on Dec. 1st, 1900, of 1,085.

Grand Chancellor, Joseph P. Dillon, Prescott.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John D. Loper, Mesa.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Grand Lodge Convention of this Domain was held at Revelstoke on May 14th, 1901. There is nothing of any interest noted in their Journal, to those outside of their Domain. From report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal we note an increase of membership of 191. The G. K. of R. and S. says that this may be the result of one of two causes, either from a reduction of initiation fees or a revival of interest in the Order, he's not sure which. No report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence in which respect they are lacking.

Grand Chancellor, N. Brimms, Trail.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Emil Pferduen, Victoria.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chancellor in his report speaks of the Uniform Rank as the most important Branch of our Order and says it is entitled to all the consideration we can possibly give it. "It is the backbone of the Order; it is the drawing card for bringing young blood into our ranks."

The report of G. K. of R. and S. Horace O. Case is well gotten up and the whole Journal reflects credit on him. The report of Fraternal Correspondence is good and contains much of value to the Order. They have not forgotten us this time. Thanks.

Grand Chancellor, Geo. F. Kendall, Suffield.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Horace O. Case, Hartford.

COLORADO.

At the Convention of this Domain, held at Victor Aug. 13-15, 1902, the Committee on Credentials went thoroughly and conscientiously to their work, refusing to seat delegates who did not conform to the requirements of the law, and reporting several lodges for failure to file credentials of Grand Representatives, and charging up fines for same.

The Committee on "State of the Order" makes a very interesting

report, embodying some valuable suggestions. As to the suggestion of the Grand Chancellor in his report, they say: "The Grand Chancellor suggests that the declaration of principles of an order should state to the world what the order aims to be." This we heartily endorse, but one should not stop at this, but should do more and say less. "By our fruits let them judge us, by our acts let them measure us, to ourselves be true."

"We would suggest that the order become more social, in that it attend more to the social than the beneficial features."

The Grand Chancellor, in beginning his report, reminded the Convention that their session celebrates their silver anniversary. In speaking of dispensations, he deprecates the fact that a dispensation for a public entertainment has to be paid for, and says that if it be a law, "it should be repealed," as we should seek to encourage these social functions rather than charge for them.

He granted, during his term, eight applications for institutions of as many new lodges. He is a strong believer in the Endowment Rank and asserts that it comes out of its late troubles stronger and safer than ever. In speaking of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he suggests that the name Foreign be changed to Fraternal, as it is a much more apt term, and suggests that the Grand Vice Chancellor be made chairman of this committee, thereby enabling him to inform himself more fully with the work of other Domains and placing him in position to utilize this information when he is advanced to the position of Grand Chancellor. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence makes a good report, but takes us to task for an error in giving the names of the Grand Officers. It was caused by your "way" brother of publishing a list of your Grand Chancellors for each year since the institution of your Grand Lodge, and I hope your Domain may live and prosper till it will require a volume twice the size of this, already large one to contain them all.

Grand Chancellor, Mark G. Woodruff, Amethyst.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. S. O'Brien, Salida.

CALIFORNIA.

In the opening of this Convention the representatives of Rathbone sisters were given a prominent place; one of them, Mrs. Mac. A. Clark, delivering an address of welcome on behalf of her order and responded to by Mrs. Juliet Stibbens.

After these addresses, the thirty-third convention of this Domain was opened in ritualistic form.

The Grand Chancellor, in his report, bemoans the fact that he was prevented, on account of continued illness, from prosecuting the work of the Grand Domain, as he had intended doing, and in

making his excuses on this line, pays a very graceful tribute to his predecessor for the work he had done, claiming for him that his sowing would, for years to come, bear a rich harvest, for Pythianism. His claim, made at the beginning of his term, of a net gain of more than 1,000, was unfortunately, not realized, there being at its close only a gain of 384.

In this Grand Domain as well as in many others, the practice is followed of reducing the fees for membership in order to swell the rolls of subordinate lodges. It is a practice that ought never to have been established in the first place, and ought not to be followed, except in rare instances. There were ninety-two dispensations granted for this purpose, and in thinking of it one will naturally ask himself what will they resort to next, when the interest begins to wane. It would be decidedly better to put the fee at $10.00 and keep it there, than to be continually calling attention to our waning fortunes by reducing the fees for initiation. If membership only is what you want, why not make it free. We would rather commend to them the suggestion by one of their deputies: "Let every brother consider himself a committee of one to look out for "members," who are sick, in distress or unemployed." Here is the keynote, that will ring out the praises of your order, and attract the good opinion of men much sooner than cheap fees, for getting into it.

One of their deputies, inspired, no doubt by the work of their former Grand Chancellor, makes the following excellent suggestion: "Every lodge should have a 'look-out committee' of three; before any application is taken for membership, the name of the applicant or person about to be approached on the subject of joining the order should be submitted to this committee for investigation, and no application taken until the committee has passed upon the fitness of the applicant, and ascertained the probability of his election. Whenever a member is reported in arrears for dues, the case should be referred to this committee with instructions to make a personal appeal to the delinquent, if accessible, if not then to open and keep up correspondence with the view of prevailing upon the member to maintain his standing in his lodge." They seem to have had trouble about the "Rituals" being lost and suggest that the "Supreme Representatives procure such legislation as will attach a penalty to the violation of said sections of the Supreme Statutes."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is splendidly written, and its perusal will repay any one for the work. Their treatment of suspensions for non-payment of dues meets our views exactly. North Carolina is extensively noticed, and comes in for a share of their praise.

Grand Chancellor, Leonard S. Collins, Santa Cruz.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Herman Schaffner, San Francisco.

DELAWARE.

The neat little Journal of this Domain gives a concise report of the proceedings of their Grand Lodge, held at Newark October 23, 1901. The Grand Chancellor in his report regrets a loss in membership for the year, and the Committee on State of the Order says that, "while they have no criticism to offer, in respect to the present Grand Lodge officers, that they do feel that the time is at hand when the Grand Lodge must place capable and enthusiastic men in these offices. Men who will sacrifice time and money, if necessary to carry forward the standard of Pythianism. This committee commended the work of Samuel J. Beck in behalf of the Endowment Rank.

This Journal contains a splendid report from Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and any shortcomings of the other officers on committees is amply made up for by this one. North Carolina is very kindly remembered, for which we make our humblest bow.

Grand Chancellor, Charles H. Lippincott, Wilmington.

Gand Keeper of Records and Seal, Mark L. Garrett, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This Domain again shows an increase in membership; and congratulates the subordinate lodges, whose zeal and energy brought this about. The Endowment Rank shows a healthy growth, and the Grand Chancellor claims that the order owes much of its success to this cause. He says that the Uniform Rank, being an advertising branch of the order, is not appreciated as it should be. In the report of the committee on this branch of the order they say: "Our fraternal statistics show and prove that in our sister domains when the 'military branch' is upheld and fostered, there will be found this Pythian order strong in members, prestige and proud in the consciousness of fraternal obligations fulfilled in spirit and letter."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a good report in which they kindly remember us.

Grand Chancellor, D. Elmer Wilern.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Henry J. Gasson.

FLORIDA.

The reception tendered the Grand Lodge of Florida at its session in Ocala on March 13, 1901, was one long to be remembered. It consisted of excursions, dances, addresses, etc., and extended during the greater part of the two days. The session was characterized

by harmony, and report of Grand Chancellor showed progress made during his term. The work before this body was entirely routine. Note that the per capita tax is $1.20 per year. The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a good report, having examined and commented on fifty journals. North Carolina receives a notice at his hands.

Grand Chancellor, Herbert Croon, Ocala.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. H. Latimer, Tavares.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia was called to order at Brunswick May 21, 1901, by Grand Chancellor Milton E. Smith. There being no quorum present the Grand Lodge adjourned till 11 o'clock, when it again convened and was opened in due form. The Grand Chancellor says that "the year just closed has been marked by an advance all along the line, and many accessions have been made to the order, drawn from the ranks of our most energetic and enterprising citizens. The reports of officers will show an increase of thirteen new lodges, and one reinstated, and an increase of about 694 members, with several applications for new lodges, in favored locations, now pending.

There is very little of interest in this Journal to the outsider and, like Bro. McDowell, we can only "give them a cold stare and pass to the next."

Grand Chancellor, F. A. Hooper, Americus.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. T. Leopold, Savannah.

INDIANA.

"Great is Pythianism in Indiana," is the exclamation of the Grand Chancellor in his report at their annual convention at Indianapolis October 1st and 2d, 1901, and when we consider the fact that they number 45,000 members, having made a gain of over 1,800 last year, and own over a million dollars worth of property, we are inclined to the belief that he is right. With this fine showing he says that it has not reached the zenith, but its sun is still among the eastern hills. This report deserves a more lengthy review than I can give it. In treating of the Endowment Rank he says I believe we ought to encourage and foster this feature of our order, because it, in a large measure, solves the problem of how to prevent suspension of members for non-payment of dues, in subordinate lodges.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence covers 34 closely written pages and all of it is good. One thing they em-

phasize is worthy of attention, "A Pythian saved is as good as a Pythian made," and I believe a little better.

North Carolina is kindly mentioned, if they are a little slow about it.

Grand Chancellor, Charles A. Bookwalton, Indianapolis.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Frank Bowers, New Castle.

IDAHO.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain set an example to others in like positions by visiting every lodge in the State with one exception, and was prevented from visiting it only by fear of smallpox. He instituted three new lodges, and reorganized one or two old ones. He is doubtful of the expediency of requiring the Grand Chancellor to visit each lodge during his term, as he says the money expended might be used to better advantage in other ways.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership on December 31, 1900, of 1,374, a net gain during the year of 105.

There is no report of Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor, Joseph S. Vincent, Kendrick.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Hart, Coeur de'Alene.

IOWA.

The convention of this Domain was held at Cedar Rapids August 14 and 15, 1901. Report of Grand Chancellor is a lengthy one, but is so good that one is fully repaid for examining it. Under his administration the order made a net gain of over eight hundred. He specially mentions lodge No. 68, at Des Moines, which added to its roster 100 names, and also "fitted for itself a home that is hardly surpassed in the Domain." They certainly found the secret of success, by making their lodge room attractive. It is, without doubt, the best investment a lodge can make. Without an attractive lodge room your young men will find more congenial scenes and will gradually drift away. He truly says that, "the life of the order is the subordinate lodge and he who does the most to make it a true Pythian home is the best friend of the order of Knights of Pythias."

This journal is sadly deficient, in that it has no Fraternal Correspondent.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chancellor in his address congratulates his brothers on the rapid growth of the order throughout the Supreme Domain and assures them that while the growth in that Domain has not

been as large as was expected or desired, still it was stronger than ever before. In alluding to the death of William McKinley he says: "His life should be an inspiration to every Knight in the Supreme Domain, for it becomes an object lesson of living out the doctrine we teach." In rendering a decision on the question of sick benefits, he gives this good advice: "Repeal your sick benefit by law and let your alms be given out by brotherly love, and not from force of law."

The Uniform Rank is so near dead in that Domain that no report is made on it.

This Domain can boast of one of the best reports on Fraternal Correspondence. They do their work well and their heads are level on the question of suspension.

Grand Chancellor, J. F. Boyd, Coeur de Leon.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Will H. Lane, Lincoln.

ILLINOIS.

The Journal of this Domain, like the Domain itself, is a "big" thing, and (by way of explanation to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence) is the first Journal of this Domain I have seen. When I took it up to begin its review, I almost shrank from the task, but became so interested in it that I almost regretted to lay it by. The Grand Chancellor's report is a most admirable one and is brim full of wise suggestions. He says that in all the work of the year he had laid stress on the fact that the aim of Pythianism was higher than merely paying sick and funeral benefits. In the beginning of his term he organized his deputies into an association that rendered him valuable assistance in his work; and adopted the plan of assessing each lodge $5.00 for defraying the expenses of the special sessions of the Grand Lodge, which I suppose corresponds with our "district meetings."

He says, in speaking of the good of the order, that the Domain "is in a most prosperous condition," and that "it is no uncommon thing to hear good men, leading citizens, not of us say, "The Knights of Pythias is a good order and is doing much good in the world." He granted 252 dispensations to allow lodges to reduce the fee for membership, and says that "he is led to believe that it is a very bad statute, and that it should be repealed. Right you are brother; it may increase your numbers, but in the end will prove a boomerang. He gives considerable space to the proceedings of the extra session of the Supreme Lodge, and being Grand Chancellor of the Domain, of whom the accused officers of the Endowment Rank were members it devolved upon him to bring charges against them in their subordinate lodges. With this and the faithful management of this Do-

main he had his hands full, but he seems to have been equal to the task.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is equally as good, and his work was done with a thoroughness that is a tribute to him. He says that it would have been impossible for the state of affairs that characterized the management of the Endowment Rank to have existed in their Grand Domain, so watchful are the trustees over all bills and expenditures. They show a net gain during the year of 2,714, and this, notwithstanding a suspension list of 3,365. Think of it. What a power this Pythian army would be if we could only stop this drain.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is all that could be desired. Like the other reports in this Journal, they treat exhaustively of all subjects interesting the order. We thank them for the complimentary notice of North Carolina. Send us your Journal, brothers; we won't slight you.

Grand Chancellor, Charles H. Cushing, Hinsdale.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Henry P. Caldwell, Chicago.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

This Journal comes to us in much reduced form and contains very little of interest except to themselves. The Grand Chancellor in his report claims that the order is making progress and shows a gain in membership of two hundred and fifty Knights.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a very short report without a review of any of the Domains.

Grand Chancellor, A. Haas, Atoka.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. L. Chapman, Vinita.

KENTUCKY.

This is the first Journal of this Domain it has been our pleasure to see since we assumed the duty of Fraternal Correspondent. We failed to receive one last year and was prevented from noticing their Domain. I hope their failure to mention North Carolina in this Journal is not in a spirit of "tit for tat." We are completely overlooked by the Fraternal Correspondent in his very excellent review. The Grand Chancellor, in his report, tells of the embarrassing position he was placed in, by having all the funds of the Grand Lodge locked up in a bank that suspended, and had it not been for the generous action of "Jule Plumer" in coming to his rescue by personally assuming and paying the necessary running expenses of the Grand Lodge, and taking his chances of being reimbursed at

the opening of the bank. This is an act so noble and generous that I could not refrain from giving it publicity here. He speaks of the troubles of the Endowment Rank as one of the most critical periods in the history of the order. "At times it seemed like the whole fraternal organization would be rent in twain." "For weeks and months there was an abatement in the interest of Pythianism." How well he describes the experience of the order everywhere.

For some reason, he does not give, he called off his district meetings, saying that the order would be best subserved by dispensing with them for this year. In concluding his report he hits the nail on the head. He says: "In conclusion, I desire to say, if you would have the Grand Chancellor do more work than has been done in the past, it will require all his time. You, as good citizens, aside from Pythianism, know what that means. As Pythians with families to rear, educate and provide for, you know means and time are required for home and your own families; and you know "he who does not provide for his own, is worse than a heathen."

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows number of members July 1, 1901, 6,834.

Grand Chancellor, W. R. Logan, Louisville.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John Wharter, Owensboro.

KANSAS.

The Journal of this Domain comes to us replete, as usual, with good things. At the meeting of their Grand Lodge in Kansas City 21 May, 1901, the Grand Chancellor made a report that is good all the way through, while he deplores the fact that he was unable to devote more time to the work, still he thinks that, considering the political campaign through which they passed last year, when men scarcely think of anything else (especially in Kansas), a gain of over 400 members is not bad. He takes no stock in booms, as far as increasing the membership, by leaps and bounds is concerned, but is a strong believer in a steady, solid growth. He thinks the Grand Lodge made a mistake in abolishing the districts or sub-divisions of the Domains, and advocates their re-establishment with greater responsibilities. He says that "experience has taught us that the lodge deputy is not at all times to be relied upon. As a rule he is the last Grand Representative of the lodge and as often happens, loses all interest in Pythian matters when he gets home. Under the district system, a District Deputy Grand Chancellor should be provided for; said deputy to be a member of the Grand Lodge with all the rights and privileges of a Grand Representative. In speaking of suspended lodges he says: "I am of the opinion that where a lodge meets but once or twice a year and then even rarely has a quorum, it is unwise to continue paying per capita tax to the Supreme Lodge on such membership, and permit a Grand Representa-

tive, representing only himself, to draw mileage and per diem from the Grand Lodge for attending its conventions. He shows a level head in talking on the subject of allowing lodges to advertise for membership by reducing the fees for membership. He says that as the precedent has been established for so long a time, it is almost impossible to refuse the dispensations, and he advocates the passage of a law by the Grand Lodge forbidding it altogether. He claims that some of the older lodges do not get a member except during the dispensation period.

In this Journal Brother McDowell is on deck with a splendid review, which fully sustains his reputation as Foreign Correspondent. He treats us shabbily, though, by merely giving us a "cold stare" and passes on to the next. In reading the "preface" to his report, one is impressed, if not convinced, that his suggestion as to increasing interest in lodge meetings is right and if carried out would make Pythianism what it should be, a fraternal, rather than a beneficiary order. I wish I could embody his whole report here. One part of it must suffice:

"There are people, however, who appreciate a good thing when they run up against it, and they are the folks we are after. The question is have we a good thing to offer them. In many instances I answer, Yes, but as a whole I am not so positive. Let me describe where the positive answer applies. It is the community where the Knights of Pythias lodge room is like an ideal home. The Knights of Pythias lodge room that is occupied jointly by Masons, Odd Fellows and other kindred orders every night in the week, save the night on which our brethren meet, is not an ideal resort, and is in no sense a home for the brotherhood. Brothers, attend lodge meetings, as a rule, purely from a sense of duty—and duty soon forgets itself and when forgotten, interest ceases and the brethren drift into suspensions. And again: Quit preaching about the glorious things Pythianism is doing in the alleviation of its brethren, as if we were a gang of mendicants living off of one another, and chip in a few of your spare dollars in the endowment of your Castle Homes with books, magazines, musical instruments, billiard tables, a kitchen range and table furniture, cosy up-holstered chairs and settees, and then hire a man to look after the establishment and keep it open day and evening, for the accommodation of the members and their wives and sweethearts, who desire to drop in for a social hour. In a word: Let us get on larger ideals as to purposes and intent of a fraternal order; that is, the real kind which is to furnish us the means, or one of them, for the enjoyment of life."

These suggestions are good and if adopted and acted on, will give the order new life and a permanency that nothing else will.

Grand Chancellor, W. J. Duval, Wichita.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Gus. J. Neubert, Kansas City.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened in the city of Baton Rouge on May 30, 1901.

The Grand Chancellor was prevented from being present on account of the sickness of his wife and Grand Vice Chancellor presided. Report of Grand Chancellor shows an increase of 165 in number, and claims growing interest in the order.

Report of Supreme Representative complains of a want of interest on the part of the managers of endowment in extending it in that section, said management having withdrawn some inducements that had before been offered for its extension. Committee on Uniform Rank reports this feature of the order "dead" in Louisiana, but hopes that an effort will be made to revive it again. The Committee on State of the Order made an adverse report on recommendation of the Grand Chancellor that a Grand Lecturer be employed for the Domain. Committee on Fraternal Correspondence gives an Ex-Ray view as he calls it, of the Pythian world, but only reviews 28 Journals. He notices North Carolina very kindly.

Grand Chancellor, P. H. Lewis, New Orleans.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John A. McLean, New Orleans.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge convention of this Domain was held at Boston May 22, 1901. The Journal that comes to us is very neat and well gotten up, but contains very little of interest to those outside of this Domain. The business in the line of dispensations was good, as we note that the Grand Chancellor issues 119 during his term. They do not seem to be worrying over the vexed question of suspensions, as the Grand Chancellor touches on nearly all other topics of interest except this. The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership on December 31, 1900, of 17,188.

The financial condition of this Domain is so good that the Committee on Finance recommends a reduction of the per capita tax to 30 cents, which they say will meet the needs of the Domain. They don't believe in piling up the surplus, unless there is in view some definite object for its use.

The report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is a good one. They notice us very kindly.

Grand Chancellor, L. F. Garfield, Brocton.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Chas. Alross, Lowell.

MAINE.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of this Domain was held at Portland May 15, 1901.

The Grand Chancellor expresses himself as well satisfied with the progress the order has made during his term. He instituted seven new lodges and shows a net gain in membership of 389.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says that the outlook for the order was never brighter than now.

It seems to be the sentiment of all Journals that we have examined, that this Journal has lost one of its chief attractions, viz: the report, or rather the want of a report, on foreign correspondence. The plea is made that the report is not of sufficient value to the order in that Domain to pay for its printing. If they refer to the report, as presented in this Journal, they are correct.

Grand Chancellor, Warren C. Philbrook, Waterville.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Wesley G. Smith, Old Orchard.

MARYLAND.

This Journal opens with a statistical report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, dated October 11, 1900. He shows in this report that "the term has been marked in many localities as the most active one for years, and resulted in a large increase in members and a slight increase in finances." In his report of April 9, 1901, he says: "In numerous ways we have reason for encouragement. Greater zeal and energy have characterized many of the members. A number of weak lodges have become strong and in Order affairs, generally, a more ardent love and support has been given to the lodges and Order. We can readily claim that in many respects we have made material advancement over the position occupied last year."

The Grand Chancellor in his report says that when he was elevated to the position of Grand Chancellor, over seven thousand brother Knights in the grand old State of Maryland, "he felt the fire of ambition for the success of our noble order, tingle through his whole being." He says: "I have given of my time and ability the best at my command. I have extended to the members of this Grand Domain my heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving them and my sincere appreciation of the courtesy and high honor they have conferred upon me."

The "Bete Noir," the suspension list, he treats as follows: "I cannot refrain from calling the attention of my brothers to the enormous suspension list continually gnawing at the progress of our order. It does seem to me that with a little closer application of business methods, so that a brother does not lag so far behind,

that it becomes a burden for him to pay up and then by enlisting the co-operation of the said brother's personal friends, together with the M. of F.'s efforts, this enemy of fraternal orders can be largely counteracted."

During his term there were no new lodges instituted, but his efforts toward increasing new members were rewarded by a net increase of 253.

This Grand Domain supports a library, which the Grand Chancellor highly commends and hopes for the continued support of the Grand Lodge.

This Domain seems to have had an elephant on its hands in Germania Lodge No. 14. This lodge on deciding to go out of business, met, divided the funds it had on hand among the members, destroyed all its books and records and sent in its charter. The order was fortunate in getting rid of such poor material. The fraternal correspondence is well written. Thanks for a kind notice of North Carolina.

Grand Chancellor, Geo. W. Ward, Baltimore.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, James Whitehouse, Baltimore.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

A spirit of progress seems to pervade this entire Domain, and although the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a deficit in the finances, still the membership has increased and the order is looked after. Unfortunately their Grand Chancellor was not able to perform his duty as to visitations, but his Deputy Grand Chancellor came to his assistance. This is very well in its place, but the head of an order will always be more appreciated and do more good than any substitute he may provide. If you want work well done, do it yourself.

In making his report the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says: "It may be interesting here to mention that, with one exception, every dollar due by lodges to June 30th has been paid in." Would that this could be said of all subordinate lodges.

The Fraternal Correspondent makes a statement, as to his report, lest some one might take him for a novice; but he need not give himself any uneasiness on this score, for a report as well written as his is, proves him a past master in the art. He takes the proper view of the Endowment Rank as being "a great corrective to suspensions." He very kindly notices North Carolina.

Grand Chancellor, LeBaron Wilson, St. John, N. B.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John C. Henry, St. Stephens, N. B.

MANITOBA.

This is a very modest little Journal that comes to us from far away Manitoba and northwest Territories. It contains very little of interest to other Domains, outside of the report of the Grand Chancellor, who, you will conclude from his remarks as to the progress made, is somewhat of a pessimist. He says that unless the convention takes steps toward putting an organizer in the field that he fears Pythianism will be wiped off of the face of that Domain.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership of 529 on December 1, 1900.

Grand Chancellor, Wm. Bentley, Winnipeg.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, R. A. Graham, Winnipeg.

MICHIGAN.

The Journal of this Domain is one of the best that comes to us. It is always a pleasure to examine it. It is well gotten up, beautifully printed, and filled with matter interesting to the order universal.

At their convention at Battle Creek May 8, 1901, they had several "luminaries" with them, viz: Henry Clay Berry, the oldest living Past Supreme Chancellor, and Major-General James R. Carnahan

There was an elaborate program prepared and carried out at the opening, and we have no doubt it lent much to the occasion. This Domain had a wonder in their Grand Chancellor and that his efforts were appreciated, was attested by the fact that they voted $50.00 for a suitable testimonial for him and also gave him a rising vote of thanks. He gave the work his entire time, looking after the work of his subordinate lodges as well as the Grand Lodge, spurring up the masters of finances to greater efforts, and impressing them with the importance of their positions and their responsibility in a great measure for the suspensions that occurred. Whenever a lodge was slow in sending in reports to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, it was sure to hear from him, and by this means he never allowed them to delay in sending in their reports.

In order to create an interest in organizing new lodges, he issued a "General Circular" stating the principles and objects of the order, inviting a careful consideration of them, and soliciting the influence of those to whom they were sent. These circulars were sent out to men of influence and standing in communities where the order was not established. That his efforts were crowned with success, is shown in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who states that on December 31, 1900, they had an active membership of 13,411, a net gain over last year of 1,361, "with not a delinquent lodge to report, and every representative entitled to a

seat in this convention." He says that this result is owing to the "tireless efforts of Grand Chancellor Lusk, in transmitting to the dormant lodges some of his energetic spirit." This Domain, even with the expense of entertaining the Supreme Lodge, responded liberally to the cry for help from both "Texas" and "Utah."

Fraternal Correspondent H. H. Curtis proves himself a worthy successor of our lamented brother, Walter E. Moore, by his fine review of the fifty-four Journals he examined.

Grand Chancellor, Leo. A. Caro, Grand Rapids.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Miles S. Curtis, Battle Creek.

MINNESOTA.

(No Journal.)

MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-eighth annual session of this Domain was held at Greenville on May 14, 1901.

The Grand. Chancellor's report shows an increase in membership to January 1, 1901, of 368, and to the present or May 14th, of an addition of 500, a very good showing, which indicates considerable life in the order in that field. He instituted during his term "District Meetings," which probably accounts for the phenomenal growth.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership on December 31, 1900, of 5,846, but up to the time of his report he claims that they have 6,318 members.

In the report of the Supreme Representatives, they express the fear that the harmony of the Supreme Lodge will be broken by the desire to "predominate, on the part of the Uniform Rank, which has for a number of years been a petted and cherished work of the Supreme Lodge." As a reason for his fears, he gives the following amendment which has been proposed to the Supreme Constitution: "That no person shall be eligible to any Supreme Lodge office who is not a member in good standing of a regularly organized and contributing company of the Uniform Rank." This is indeed good ground for fear, and when the Supreme Lodge goes off after these false gods, the knell of Pythianism is sounded. This Domain has no Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor, M. J. Bouldin, Clarksdale.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. M. Quin, Centerville.

MISSOURI.

(No Journal.)

MONTANA.

The first official act of the Grand Lodge of this Domain was to give expression of a nation's grief at the death of William McKinley, President of the United States, a very fitting recognition of the worth of a great and good man.

The Grand Chancellor makes an excellent report with many valuable recommendations. One that deserves especial mention is as follows: We ought to present a memorial to the Supreme Lodge at its next convention, asking for the enactment of laws that will do away with the possibility of members relinquishing their membership by suspension for non-payment of dues, with apparent honor." A law that makes suspensions so common that many think it the only way to withdraw, ought to be amended. It might be a good plan to try a member for non-payment of dues. If he is unable to pay, although willing to do so, and is otherwise worthy, the lodge to which he belongs should keep him in good standing. If he is able, but unwilling to do so, he ought to be expelled as not being worthy of membership. He suggests that the semi-annual terms are too short, and that they should be made annual.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership of 2,776, and claims a net gain of 449.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence gives a fine review of all Journals they received, in which North Carolina is kindly mentioned.

Grand Chancellor, Coole Galiger, Butte.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Jacob Loeb, Helena.

NEVADA.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Grand Lodge of this Domain was held at Carson City June 13, 1901.

The Grand Chancellor, in his report, says that the incoming Grand Chancellor was instructed to demand the charter and property of Abraham Lincoln lodge, but exercising his own good judgment, he did not carry out to the letter his instructions, but by a little indulgence he succeeded in infusing new life into the members and now has a healthy, strong lodge of one supposed to be dead.

They seemed to wrestle, to no purpose, with the vexing problem of sick benefits and gave it up in despair.

This Domain has no Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor, G. A. McPherson, Wadsworth.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. D. Stoddard, Virginia City.

NEW YORK.

This Journal opens with an account of the reception given the Grand Lodge at their annual convention at Syracuse July 23, 1901. The Grand Chancellor admonishes his brothers to "remember that the Empire State is away behind in members as compared with other jurisdictions. He issued dispensations to form three new lodges. In treating of suspensions for non-payment of dues, he lays the burden, to great extent, on the shoulders of the Masters of Finance. He says that an effort on his part to collect the dues of members would greatly reduce the number of suspensions. In view of the early association of Samuel R. James with the founder of the order he recommends that the Grand Lodge confer upon him the honor of electing him from the floor of the lodge a Past Grand Chancellor.

This Journal is largely statistical, and that part, of course, uninteresting.

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership of 20,276, and in examining this report the great drain on the order through suspensions, is clearly shown. They initiated during the year 1,615, but suspended 1,120. What an army these Pythians would be if we could only keep what we get.

The report of Fraternal Correspondent is a good one, and the beautiful verses with which he winds it up proves him a poet of no mean powers. In his review he kindly remembers North Carolina.

Grand Chancellor, James B. Hitchcock, Syracuse.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John J. Acker, Albany.

NORTH DAKOTA.

This Journal is taken up, largely in a discussion of the Wm. Law case, a member of the order who was convicted as an accomplice in a murder, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. They, his friends, secured the services of Tracy R. Bangs, now Supreme Vice Chancellor, in his behalf, but up to this writing they had failed to convince the "powers that be" that he was innocent of the charge.

Committee on Subordinate Lodges reports that all lodges had filed their reports, which were properly made out. Ten lodges show a gain of 92 and 12 lodges show a loss of 73. Two new lodges have been organized during the year, with a membership of 81, making a net gain of 100.

The report of Grand Chancellor covers 35 pages and deals largely with subjects of interest to this Domain.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence is from E. G. Guthrie, who says he was appointed at the last hour as a substitute, but he

does his work well, even though he claims to be a "novice." We have one fault to find with him, though. He gives us the go by entirely. Brother! Pythianism is a big thing in North Carolina, if you knew it.

Grand Chancellor, H. D. Allert, Langdon.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, E. L. Richmond, Winnewankon.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Journal of this Domain is always interesting and instructive, and repays for any work you do in examining it.

The report of the Grand Chancellor discusses subjects that interest the whole order and deals with them like a veteran. His defence of the Endowment Rank is fine. He says: "It is not an improbable theory in ethical philosophy that trials are made to test the faith." The stripling oak is made a giant by the storms that bend its body and strain its roots. The Knights of Pythias, with the Endowment Rank, will be purified and strengthened by the fiery ordeal through which it is passing."

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership on July 1, 1901, of 5,729, a net gain of 92.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence proves themselves worthy successors of their lamented predecessor, William A. Moore. Their report is all you could ask. In dealing with the Endowment Rank they say: "It is the one above all others that must be looked upon with reverence." North Carolina is kindly remembered.

Grand Chancellor, Charles A. Morse, Newmarket.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Charles B. Shofford, Claremont.

NEW MEXICO.

The Journal of this Domain, while nicely gotten up, contains very little of interest to other Domains than its own. The report of the Grand Chancellor is brief, touching on only one or two subjects, the principal of which is the condition of the Endowment Rank. Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership on July 1, 1901, of 1,077, a gain during the year of 76.

The report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is very meagre, reviewing only twenty-five Journals of other Domains.

Grand Chancellor, Wm. Kirkpatrick, Gallup.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. E. Perry, East Las Vegas.

OREGON.

(No Journal.)

ONTARIO.

This Domain got a hustle on them, or rather their Grand Chancellor did, and his work has added numbers and strength to the order there. One of the most important business transactions was the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and the result of the work done by him proves the importance of the act and the wisdom of his selection. He succeeded in reviving several of his drooping lodges and adding members to others.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows membership on December 3, 1900, 1,233. The Domain, as small as it is, affords a Fraternal correspondent who does his work well. He kindly remembers North Carolina.

Grand Chancellor, E. K. Barksdale, Stratford.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. G. Hayner, Toronto.

OHIO.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain convened for its thirty-second convention at Springfield on May 25, 1901.

The Journal opens with the Grand Chancellor's report, which is marked by Pythian zeal which seems to pervade and characterize this Grand Domain. He says: "The year marks the most active of my life, but there has been so little of unfraternal and disagreeable connected therewith, and so full a measure of pleasant and desirable experience of life has been mine, that I grow sad when I contemplate that I have now so nearly reached the end of my path, so richly strewn, and must again content myself with so much less of Pythian intercourse with the brethren who have formed so large a part of my life." He pays a beautiful tribute tc those of his brothers who, growing weary of life's struggles have gone to their well-deserved rest.

The growth of the order in this Domain was phenomenal. While tne losses by suspensions, death, etc., were large, still they show a net gain of 2,183, which brings the grand total to 60,115. "Over one-ninth of the entire membership of the world." The reports of his district deputies were full and complete. He is particularly proud of their "Ohio Pythian Home," and from the report of the committee on this subject he has just cause to be. In this report they show 138 residents, unfortunates who are clothed, fed and taken care of by this Grand Lodge. When we read this report and contemplated the work they were doing, we were inclined to agree

with the editor of the Carolina Pythian in his comments on the management of the Endowment Rank. There ought to be a special hell made to punish any man who would try to destroy an order that was doing so grand a work as this.

This Pythian Home is built on grounds eighty acres in extent, and the buildings and grounds are valued at $100,000. The per capita for maintenance for 1900 was $91. 70. The report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is good. Thanks for a liberal notice of "North Carolina."

Grand Chancellor, J. W. Ellenwood, Marietta.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. Beatty, Toledo.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain met in annual convention in Allentown, Pa., August 20, 1901.

In beginning his report the Grand Chancellor pays a glowing tribute to the memories of those of the order who had passed the great "Divide." In taking a retrospect of the past year he "has just reason to feel proud" at the progress that has been made. This Grand Domain responded most liberally to the appeals for aid from Texas, Utah and Florida. One of the most interesting and lucid reports on the condition of the affairs of the Endowment Rank is contained in this Journal. They place the blame where it rightly belongs, without mincing matters at all, and show a degree of corruption on the part of the former management that is appalling. This Domain does not afford a Fraternal Correspondent, which is not to their credit.

Grand Chancellor, Charles G. Ernst, Punxsutawney.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, George Hawkes, Philadelphia, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND.

(No Journal.)

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The members of this Grand Lodge showed their appreciation of the work done by Grand Chancellor Caton by presenting him with an easy chair and a fine K. P. Emblem ring at the meeting of the Grand Lodge held at "Lead," on June 5th and 6th, 1901.

The Grand Chancellor, on taking charge of his office or during his term, performed the unpleasant duty of suspending the charters

of six lodges that had not met in from three to five years. He claims that a decrease in membership is owing to a stagnation in lodge affairs, caused by the political campaign of last fall. This Grand Chancellor proved the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in electing him to the head of the order in the Domain. When a lodge was lagging at all, he would go to them and by seeing each member individually, he would arouse in them a zeal that would insure their support of their lodge, and thereby save it to the order. This was the case in several instances. He favors a change of the Grand Statutes by electing officers for twelve, instead of six months, in order that the officers could memorize their parts.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence does full justice to the subject by a full review of all Journals coming into his hands.

Grand Chancellor, H. C. Burch, Redfield.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. Carl Southwick, Wallertown.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

We failed to get a Journal of this Domain last year, and, of course, as Bro. McDowell says, had to "simply give them a cold stare." We are glad to see this one, and the pleasure of reviewing it is greatly added to by seeing so many names that were familiar to us in days of yore.

The Grand Chancellor was much hampered in his work by sickness in his family and to add to this, his entire Domain suffered a great loss in the unexpected death of their Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, D. J. Auld; but he was fortunate in having so efficient a man as Rev. J. H. Thornwell to come to his aid in the emergency. The valuable assistance he rendered proves that his confidence was not misplaced. He instituted during his term, eight lodges. He regrets having to withdraw the charter of one of his oldest lodges, viz: No. 13, of Manning, S. C., but hopes that another and strong one will be instituted.

The present Grand Keeper of Records and Seal pays a very beautiful tribute to his predecessor, which was as well deserved. This report shows a fine condition of their Domain, both in finances and increase in membership.

The report of Fraternal Correspondent, who is also Chairman of Committee on State of the Order, is an excellent one, making many valuable suggestions and breathing the spirit of Pythianism. He kindly mentions us, for which we thank him.

Grand Chancellor, M. L. Bonham, Anderson.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Thornwell, Fort Mill.

TENNESSEE.

From a special notice printed on the cover of their Journal, we learn that a different rule obtains in this Domain to that which governs in our Domain. They require the semi-annual dues after the officers are installed in January and July, whereas we require it before, which is decidedly the better plan, as in order to obtain the S. A. P. W., the dues must be forthcoming. The Grand Chancellor in his report does not think they have made the increase in membership that they should have made, owing to several obstacles which he does not mention. They have added nearly 400 to their rolls, in spite of adverse circumstances. He says that the financial condition of their Grand Lodge is rather uncomfortable, and suggests that the per capita tax be raised to 35 cents, which he thinks is not excessive. They have a practice in this Grand Domain which is certainly reprehensible. In the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal they publish a list of suspensions and expulsions, giving not only the name of the offender and number of Lodge to which he belonged, but also the offense for which he was suspended or expelled. This smacks of vindictiveness, striking the poor fellow after he is down, by publishing his sin to the world instead of covering it with the veil of silence, which is charity. They have made no provision for their widows and orphans in this domain, and the resolution looking to this end was killed by the committee to which it was referred. They have no Committee on "Fraternal Correspondence" to enlighten their darkness as to the doing of other Domains.

Grand Chancellor, John C. Twinam, Chattanooga.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Alex. Allison, Knoxville.

TEXAS.

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Texas was convened in the city of Galveston on April 16, 1901.

Grand Chancellor Ben S. Rogers presided. The Grand Chancellor's report is a good one and his work done in the cause testifies to the love he has for the Order. His term was one that taxed his every energy. The fearful storm that destroyed the beautiful city of Galveston dealt a heavy blow to the Order over which he presided. Thirty-one valiant Knights and most of their families were swept by its ruthless hand into eternity, and the suffering and misery entailed thereby had to be relieved. Nobly did the Order respond to their cry. The death list shows:

Knights lost	32
Wives lost	30

Children lost	82
Members of families	58
Total	202

The report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a net gain in members for the year of 1,486.

UTAH.

(No Journal.)

VERMONT.

The Journal of this Domain is very neat and well printed, and its review requires very little work on our part. The report of Grand Chancellor made to the Grand Lodge, which convened at Bennington, October 9, 1901, is short and to the point. He visited twelve of his twenty-two lodges and regrets that he was prevented from visiting the others on account of sickness. In this report he makes no recommendations, and seems to be satisfied with things as they are. Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a membership of 1,581, a gain of 81 during the year.

The attractive feature of this Journal is the report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. They plunge into their work without any prefatory remarks, and do justice to all alike. They do full justice to North Carolina, and score your humble scribe for refraining from criticising others in his report. Wait brother till we get farther on and we may learn to throw bricks too. But if they make no prefatory remarks, their finishing up of this report is all that can be desired. Their views on the great subjects that have vexed the order are correct and we are glad to endorse them.

Grand Chancellor, Rev. Samuel G. Lewis, Marshfield.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. F. O. Tinker, St. Jonesbury.

VIRGINIA.

On account of the resignation of C. T. Bland, Grand Chancellor-elect, this Journal contains his report up to the time of his resignation, and also that of his successor, Earnest L. Cunningham, for the end of the term. Grand Chancellor Bland congratulates the Order upon the fact that during the period over which this report extends, that the suspensions for non-payment of dues were considerably less, and the increase in new material considerably greater than usual. He says that from all sections of the Domain came encour-

aging reports, new lodges being instituted; finances in a healthy condition; Endowment Rank flourishing, and Uniform Rank taking on new life. His successor ad interim, reports a continuation of the good work till the end of his term. He says that the Endowment Rank has increased during the last year 157 members, with endowment amounting to $219,000; and that there was paid in death benefits during same time $25,000. During the period of existence of this Rank in Virginia, there has been paid in benefits $378,000. This fact is an unanswerable argument as to the good being done by this Rank, and should recommend it to the favorable consideration of every member of the Order. It is a pity that this Domain can't afford a Foreign Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor, John M. Newton, Pocahontas.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Walter A. Edwards, Norfolk, Va.

WISCONSIN.

The thirtieth annual convention of this Domain was held at Waukesha June 18 and 19, 1901.

In his report the Grand Chancellor says that "the Domain of Wisconsin is at peace with the Pythian world. Most of the lodges are in a healthy condition. Those that have worked have been rewarded for their labors; those that have not are only enjoying a period of rest. He is a great advocate of abolishing the ritual in rank work, as he says "the impression made on the candidate by reading the ritual cannot be other than unfavorable." His aim has been to work up the interest by personally visiting the subordinate lodges and claims that the Grand Chancellor "should work." He instituted four new lodges during his term. His head is level on the subject of the "Pythian Press," claiming that "the fraternal paper is a necessity to every enthusiastic, up-to-date member of the Order."

The report of the Fraternal Correspondent is well gotten up and does full justice to us all.

Grand Chancellor, Zeno M. Host, Milwaukee.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, U. S. Burns, Sheboygan.

WEST VIRGINIA.

A casual glance at this Journal almost forces one to the conclusion that things in this Domain are not as they should be. Comparing it with last year's Journal, it has grown "small and beautifully less."

The Grand Chancellor in his report claims that the order is pros-

pering though, and let us hope so, regardless of appearances. This is confirmed by the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which shows an increase in membership of 709.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in order to economize, adopted a penny-wise, pound-foolish policy, giving only a statistical report, as they claim, to curtail expense. It strikes the average man that considerable expense might be saved by doing away with reports of this kind and saving per diem, etc.

No roster of Grand Lodge Officers.

WYOMING.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Knights of Pythias of Wyoming was held at Cheyenne, August 29 and 30, 1901.

The Journal contains very little of interest to other Domains than their own, except the report of Fraternal Correspondent, which is admirable.

Grand Chancellor, Milton B. Moore, Saratoga.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. S. Greenbaum, Laramie.

WASHINGTON.

(No Journal.)

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RECEPTION TO GRAND LODGE.

The incoming trains were met by the Reception Committee of the Lodges at Winston-Salem to conduct the Knights to the hotel, where all were comfortably quartered during their stay in the Twin City, and all were loud in their praise of the hospitality accorded them by the Knights and the ladies.

On Tuesday evening Past Supreme Representative E. A. Ebert, on behalf of the Knights of the city, invited the Grand Lodge to attend a reception on the campus of the Salem Academy.

Immediately after adjournment the visitors and local members boarded the street cars, and in a few minutes they joined a large crowd gathered upon the beautiful campus on the east side of the old college buildings.

After a selection by the Salem orchestra, Dr. J. H. Clewell, principal of the Salem Academy and College, who was master of ceremonies, extended an earnest and hearty welcome to the visitors. He said that "it has been ten years since we have had the pleasure of welcoming the Grand Lodge under our roofs." The fact that this is the "second" time the Grand Lodge has met in the Twin City reminded the speaker of the "second" degree conferred by the Order—the one which no man who takes it fails to remember.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mayor O. B. Eaton, of Winston, who delivered the address of welcome; was happily introduced by Dr. Clewell.

The mayor's address was received with hearty applause. He extended a welcome to the Grand Lodge in "the name of the good people of Winston-Salem, as a Pythian and mayor of Winston." The speaker told the visitors that ample provision had been made for their entertainment;

that all doors and gates had been thrown open; that the city physician had been requested to look after all cases; that the chief of police had been notified to provide a place of safety for any Pythian who might fall in need of such care; that the law of hospitality (leaving town too soon) was the only one subject to violation; that all who failed to keep this law would be fined $500, and that not even the Grand Chancellor possessed the power to grant a pardon or have the fine remitted.

"March of Our Nation" was sung with splendid effect by Messrs. E. A. Ebert, A. B. Bynum, R. C. Taylor, L. W. Hauser, J. R. Green, Amos Huls, C. D. Cromer and Jasper Dean, who responded to a hearty encore and sang "Old Kentucky Home" to the delight of the entire gathering.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mr. J. L. Fleming, of Greenville, responded to the address of welcome, and he made a great hit. He paid a high compliment to Winston-Salem and the old Moravian school. He congratulated the people upon having such a delightful place to entertain visitors. He referred to the early Moravian settlers, who did not believe in jails and courthouses, because there was no need for them.

There was an earnest and loud response when the speaker said: "We would not be surprised if Winston-Salem should furnish the next Governor of North Carolina. We would not be surprised if it would capture half of the members of the Grand Lodge, after your honored mayor has offered free doctor's bills and a free guard house to boot."

The speaker gave due praise to the ladies for the part they took in entertaining the Grand Lodge. In closing he spoke of the principles of the Order, saying that they represented the highest and noblest things in life.

After a selection by the orchestra, a mixed quartette, composed of Miss Antoinette Glenn, Mrs Blanche Summers and

Messrs. E. A. Ebert and Jasper Dean, sang "Light of the World."

Dr. Clewell extended an invitation to members of the Grand Lodge to visit the school buildings and grounds during their stay in the city.

A social session followed, during which ice cream, made in Pythian colors, and cake were served. It was 11:30 when the delightful reception came to a close. A more suitable place cannot be found in the State for such an occasion than this lovely campus.

On Wednesday afternoon, after a short session of the Grand Lodge, the members and visitors were tendered a trolley ride to Nissen Park, where they were entertained with a band concert.

Nothing was left undone that added to the comfort and pleasure of the guests of the Winston-Salem Knights.

We thank you, brothers, and hope to have the pleasure of visiting you again.

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GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., June 14, 1904.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Castle Hall of Damon Lodge, No. 41, by Grand Chancellor William M. Lyles.

The roll of officers was called, and the following were present:

Grand Chancellor—William M. Lyles.
Grand Vice-Chancellor—William F. Robertson.
Grand Prelate—B. Nooe.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—W. T. Hollowell.
Grand Inner Guard—F. W. Miller.
Grand Outer Guard—J. M. Boyette.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Bro. J. W. Simpson, of No. 99, G. M. at A., and Bro. A. B. Bynum, of No. 41, G. M. E. *pro tem.*

The following Past Grand Chancellors were present:

Thomas D. Meares, E. A. Ebert, C. E. Holton, C. A. Webb and J. L. Scott, Jr.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Supreme Representatives T. S. Franklin and R. H. Rickert were present.

GRAND LODGE OPENED IN DUE FORM.

A roll of Lodges was called, and a quorum being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES PRESENT.

The following members of Standing Committees were present:

Grand Tribunal—J. D. McCall, D. J. Hill.
Judiciary Committee—Walker Taylor, A. S. Barnard.
Committee on State of the Order—A. E McCausland, H. H. Wilson, Samuel Kramer.
Finance Committee—J. H. Hoffman, W. W. Willson.
Orphan Committee—Rev. P. R. Law, H. J. Overman, L. D. Robinson.
Committee on Credentials—E. W. Smith, T. H. Webb.
Foreign Correspondence—N. B. Alexander.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES.

The Grand Chancellor made the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees:

On Judiciary Committee, Dr. L. A. Bikle, of No. 94, in place of Bro. H. W. Whedbee, who was absent.

Bro. S. J. Cain, of No. 106, on Finance Committee, to fill vacancy caused by the absence of Bro. W. A. Hunt.

Bro. Thomas N. Hall, of No. 65, to fill vacancy on Credential Committee occasioned by the absence of Bro. Goodman.

OFFICERS' REPORTS REFERRED.

The printed reports of the officers were referred to a Committee on Distribution, consisting of Past Grand Chancellors T. S. Franklin, C. A. Webb and J. L. Scott, Jr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, through Bro. T. H. Webb, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 1.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias:

Your Committee have examined the credentials of the following Past Chancellors, and recommend that the Grand Lodge Rank be conferred on them:

Lodge No.	1	J. B. Taylor.
Lodge No.	1	H. J. Beirman.
Lodge No.	2	J. L. Brimer.
Lodge No.	2	J. J. Moore.
Lodge No.	3	Miles Goodwin.
Lodge No.	5	J. M. Goddard.
Lodge No.	6	H. C. Smith.
Lodge No.	6	George E. Hood.
Lodge No.	8	Charles S. Hill.
Lodge No.	8	George E. Charlton.
Lodge No.	24	Whitehead Kluttz.
Lodge No.	32	Gustave Alexander.
Lodge No.	32	James R. Hare.
Lodge No.	35	D. F. Edmund.
Lodge No.	37	Joseph H. Craighill.
Lodge No.	37	F. D. Alexander.
Lodge No.	38	J. P. Munroe.
Lodge No.	39	A. P. Lambert.
Lodge No.	39	John G. Scruggs.
Lodge No.	43	J. Rom. Smith.
Lodge No.	45	W. J. Moore.
Lodge No.	45	W. J. Armfield, Jr.
Lodge No.	48	S. W. McKee.
Lodge No.	49	R. G. Gladstone, Jr.
Lodge No.	49	R. B. Chance.
Lodge No.	50	C. L. White.
Lodge No.	50	G. M. Thompson.
Lodge No.	51	L. A. Weddington.
Lodge No.	53	G. W. Wilson.
Lodge No.	54	J. A. Moretz.
Lodge No.	55	A. B. Hedgpeth.
Lodge No.	56	O. O. Tesh.
Lodge No.	56	George A. Winkler.
Lodge No.	56	E. V. Tesh.
Lodge No.	58	C. M. McCall.
Lodge No.	61	L. O. Smith.
Lodge No.	61	W. L. Williford.
Lodge No.	62	S. C. Satterthwait.
Lodge No.	63	Joe C. Reece.
Lodge No.	63	A. H. Thomas.
Lodge No.	64	F. E. Cook.
Lodge No.	64	E. S. Warlick.
Lodge No.	65	A. W. Colson.
Lodge No.	65	Zeb. Vance Turlington.
Lodge No.	66	J. F. Taylor.
Lodge No.	66	L. C. Brogden.

Lodge No. 66 ..... Thomas H. Faulkner.
Lodge No. 67 ..... J. R. Hix.
Lodge No. 68 ..... Henry A. Rhyne.
Lodge No. 69 ..... T. W. Sharp.
Lodge No. 70 ..... Robert James.
Lodge No. 71 ..... G. F. Hankins.
Lodge No. 73 ..... F. J. Berry.
Lodge No. 74 ..... James P. Garrison.
Lodge No. 80 ..... W. R. Pleasants.
Lodge No. 81 ..... James M. Lilly.
Lodge No. 81 ..... Rev. J. O. Shelly.
Lodge No. 83 ..... R. B. Elam.
Lodge No. 83 ..... Edward Campbell.
Lodge No. 85 ..... H. T. Powell.
Lodge No. 86 ..... E. T. Strupe.
Lodge No. 88 ..... J. B. Matthews.
Lodge No. 90 ..... J. Arthur Henderson.
Lodge No. 90 ..... F. R. Cates.
Lodge No. 93 ..... E. B. Ficklin.
Lodge No. 94 ..... J. F. White.
Lodge No. 94 ..... S. A. Mauney.
Lodge No. 94 ..... T. W. Kendrick.
Lodge No. 94 ..... H. T. Fulton.
Lodge No. 96 ..... T. R. Crumpler.
Lodge No. 97 ..... T. E. Best.
Lodge No. 97 ..... C. B. Griffin.
Lodge No. 99 ..... S. L. Cathey.
Lodge No. 101 ..... W. L. Ward.
Lodge No. 101 ..... Thomas W. Hodson.
Lodge No. 102 ..... P. E. Wright.
Lodge No. 102 ..... J. F. Cooper.
Lodge No. 103 ..... J. J. Ormond.
Lodge No. 104 ..... Robert H. Lefferty.
Lodge No. 106 ..... Charles E. J. Jones.
Lodge No. 109 ..... Ira B. Abernethy.
Lodge No. 110 ..... W. H. Martin.
Lodge No. 110 ..... E. W. Linville.
Lodge No. 111 ..... T. N. Webb.
Lodge No. 111 ..... Dr. Claud M. Hughes.
Lodge No. 112 ..... Dr. V. A. Whitley.
Lodge No. 112 ..... H. S. Freeman.
Lodge No. 114 ..... J. E. Shipman.
Lodge No. 114 ..... F. M. Burgess.
Lodge No. 117 ..... J. C. Lane.
Lodge No. 123 ..... W. A. Chisholm.
Lodge No. 123 ..... Vander Liles.

Lodge No. 124 ..... J. W. Young.
Lodge No. 125 ..... W. M. Lawrence, Jr.
Lodge No. 130 ..... J. E. Pegram.
Lodge No. 131 ..... T. A. Sparrow.
Lodge No. 131 ..... G. M. Duval.
Lodge No. 136 ..... Edwin S. Smith.
Lodge No. 138 ..... N. A. Thompson.
Lodge No. 138 ..... H. L. Lyon.
Lodge No. 139 ..... C. S. Brewer.
Lodge No. 142 ..... F. D. Lethco.
Lodge No. 143 ..... W. P. Long.
Lodge No. 143 ..... J. W. McMinn.
Lodge No 143 ..... W. H. Duckworth.
Lodge No. 143 ..... E. W. Blythe.
Lodge No. 144 ..... Dr. C. B. Ingram.
Lodge No. 144 ..... O. C. Bruton.
Lodge No. 144 ..... E. Stainback.
Lodge No. 144 ..... D. S. Hurley.
Lodge No. 145 ..... R. E. Carmichael.
Lodge No. 145 ..... R. W. Hedgecock.
Lodge No. 145 ..... J. O. W. White.
Lodge No. 145 ..... W. H. Watson.
Lodge No. 146 ..... J. C Niemyer.
Lodge No. 146 ..... H. F. Kinsman.
Lodge No. 146 ..... A. Breeden.
Lodge No. 146 ..... T. L. Nowell.
Lodge No. 147 ..... R. L. Young.
Lodge No. 147 ..... E. D Young.
Lodge No. 147 ..... A. B. Silver.
Lodge No. 147 ..... J. E. Robinson.
Lodge No. 148 ..... J. F. Redmon.
Lodge No. 148 ..... Frank Roberts.
Lodge No. 148 ..... J. R. Hess.
Lodge No. 148 ..... W. J. Weaver.
Lodge No. 149 ..... J. E. Moore.
Lodge No. 149 ..... W. F. McGee.
Lodge No. 149 ..... S. W. Smathers.
Lodge No. 149 ..... Frank K. May.
Lodge No. 150 ..... J. H. Webb.
Lodge No. 150 ..... C. G. Nichols.
Lodge No. 150 ..... John A. Baird.
Lodge No. 150 ..... R. J. Tigue.
Lodge No. 151 ..... M. W. Bell.
Lodge No. 151 ..... Ben. Posey.
Lodge No. 151 ..... E. B. Norvell.
Lodge No. 151 ..... P. H. Sword.
Lodge No. 152 ..... E. G. Henneman.

Lodge No. 152 ..... E. C. Simpson.
Lodge No. 152 ..... D. S. Russell.
Lodge No. 152 ..... R. S. Porter.

Fraternally,
E. W. SMITH (Chairman),
THOMAS H. WEBB,
T. N. HALL,
Committee.

PAST CHANCELLORS ADMITTED.

The Grand Master-at-Arms presented the following Past Chancellors, and the Grand Lodge Rank was conferred upon them:

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Lodge No. 8 ..... J. C. Scales.
Lodge No. 24 ..... Whitehead Klutz.
Lodge No. 27 ..... W. D. B. McEachern.
Lodge No. 37 ..... F. B. Alexander.
Lodge No. 40 ..... R. A. Zoeller.
Lodge No. 43 ..... J. R. Smith.
Lodge No. 46 ..... A. J. Evans.
Lodge No. 48 ..... S. W. McKee.
Lodge No. 49 ..... B. M. Hitchcock.
Lodge No. 55 ..... A. B. Hedgepeth.
Lodge No. 56 ..... E. V. Tesh.
Lodge No. 56 ..... W. F. Tesh.
Lodge No. 56 ..... O. O. Tesh.
Lodge No. 56 ..... Dr. J. C. Watkins.
Lodge No. 56 ..... G. A. Winkler.
Lodge No. 56 ..... G. A. Boozer.
Lodge No. 58 ..... C. M. McCall.
Lodge No. 62 ..... S. C. Saterthwaite.
Lodge No. 63 ..... J. C. Reese.
Lodge No. 63 ..... A. H. Thomas.
Lodge No. 64 ..... F. E. Cook.
Lodge No. 65 ..... S. S. McNeely.
Lodge No. 66 ..... Dr. T. H. Faulkner.
Lodge No. 66 ..... A. J. Ashford.
Lodge No. 67 ..... J. R. Cathey.
Lodge No. 68 ..... Henry A. Rhyne.
Lodge No. 70 ..... Robert James.
Lodge No. 71 ..... G. F. Hankins.
Lodge No. 73 ..... Dr. A. S. Wells.
Lodge No. 74 ..... James P. Garrison.

Lodge No. 78 ..... D. F. Clark.
Lodge No. 80 ..... Dr. J. B. Matthews.
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Lodge No. 102 ..... H. C. Lentz.
Lodge No. 104 ..... R. H. Lafferty.
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Lodge No. 131 ..... T. A. Sparrow.
Lodge No. 131 ..... C. F. Sapp.
Lodge No. 132 ..... M. C. S. Cherry.
Lodge No. 136 ..... I. T. Wallace.
Lodge No. 139 ..... C. S. Brewer.
Lodge No. 143 ..... William P. Long.
Lodge No. 142 ..... F. C. Lethco.
Lodge No. 144 ..... O. C. Bruton.
Lodge No. 145 ..... R. E. Carmichael.
Lodge No. 145 ..... J. O. White.
Lodge No. 148 ..... Frank Roberts.
Lodge No. 149 ..... J. E. Moore.
Lodge No. 150 ..... J. H. Webb.
Lodge No. 152 ..... R. S. Porter.

SUPPLEMENT TO GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

The Grand Chancellor presented and had read a supplement to his printed report, which was referred to Committee on Distribution:

Document No. 3.

Since submitting my annual report, dated May 30th, which is in printed form, I take great pleasure in submitting the transactions of this office since that time.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

May 30th, Munroe Lodge, No. 38, to confer three ranks at one Convention on George S. Fitzwater.

May 30th, Robert Jordan Lodge, No. 150, to admit to membership Dr. C. G. Nichols, over fifty years of age.

June 11th, Athenia Lodge, No. 8, to admit to membership Capt. J. M. Ipock, over fifty years of age.

June 11th, China Grove Lodge, No. 102, to admit to membership Mr. P. L. Kitchie, a maimed man.

GRAND LODGE CARDS ISSUED.

J. H. Wood, P. H. Sword, E. B. Norill, A. A. Fain, Ben. Posey all of No. 57; G. H. Simmons and A. P. Eaker, of No. 42; O. L. Smith, of No. 89.

DEATHS.

John Wallace Alderman, Stonewall, No. 1; George H. Beaver, Salisbury, No. 24; H. P. Geer, Rutherfordton, No. 99; W. H. Master, Asheville, No. 106; Allen Moore, Ruffin, No. 6; John L. Porter, Waxhaw, No. 74.

NEW LODGES.

May 31st, Cheoah Lodge, No. 152, Andrews, N. C., by George L. Hackney, D. D G. C. Assisted by members from Asheville, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Murphy and Greensboro. Initiated nineteen

Net gain in membership in Domain from June 1st, 1903, to May 31, 1904, 1,123 members, divided among districts as below.

You will remember from my circular letter issued early in my term that I offered a gavel to the Subordinate Lodge making the largest percentage of gain from reinstatements and deposits of Grand Lodge and withdrawal cards, and same has been awarded to High Point Lodge, No. 39. As per appended statement in this circular. I also offered to the individual securing the largest number of members, either by reinstatement, deposit of Grand Lodge or with-

drawal cards, a nice jewel. As yet this jewel has not been awarded, as reports have not been handed in.

	June 1, 1903.	June 1, 1904.	Net Gain.
First District	428	448	20
Second District	642	716	74
Third District	526	579	53
Fourth District	424	491	67
Fifth District	849	972	123
Sixth District	201	258	57
Seventh District	428	498	70
Eighth District	460	520	60
Ninth District	310	383	73
Tenth District	475	745	270
Eleventh District	407	442	35
Twelfth District	438	539	101
Total	5,588	6 591	1,003

A net gain of members 1,003

High Point, No. 39, made a gain of 19, and 10 of these by reinstatement, or a gain of 52 per cent. by reinstatements. Monroe, No. 38, following with a gain of 11, and 4 of these by reinstatements, or 36 per cent. by reinstatements. Whetstone, No. 103, made a gain of 13, 4 of these by reinstatements, or 30 per cent. by reinstatements.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. LYLES,
Grand Chancellor.

MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION APPROVED.

On motion the proceedings of the last Annual Convention were adopted as printed.

TELEGRAM FROM E. W. CARROLL.

The following telegram from Bro. E. W. Carroll, the C. C. of Damon Lodge, No. 41, was read:

Document No. 4.

Gastonia, N. C., June 14th, 1904.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall, Damon Lodge, 41, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Greeting and best wishes for a very happy and profitable session; sorry I can't be with you.

E. W. CARROLL,
Chancellor Commander, Damon Lodge, 41.

TELEGRAM TO JOHN C. MILLS.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to telegraph John C. Mills, Grand Master of Exchequer, who was unable to be present, on account of sickness, the sympathies of the Grand Lodge, and the following telegram was sent, and the reply to same follows:

Document No. 4 1-2.

J. C. Mills, G. M. E., Rutherfordton, N. C.

Grand Lodge sympathizes with you, and prays for your speedy recovery.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
G. K. of R. and S.

Rutherfordton, N. C., June 15, 1904.

W. T. Hollowell, care Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Convention, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Please say to the Grand Lodge that I am deeply touched by their kind thought of me. Am so sorry I can't be with you.

JOHN C. MILLS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials, through Bro. E. W. Smith, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 5.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias:

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the credentials of the following Representatives to the Grand Lodge, and find them correct and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge:

Stonewall, No. 1—Wilmington,

W. C. Smith.....1904

Clarendon, No. 2—Wilmington,

James D. Nutt.....1904—1905

Center, No. 3—Raleigh,

C. H. Beine.....1904

Germania, No. 4—Wilmington,

G. F. Seitter.....1904—1905

Cumberland, No. 5—Fayetteville,

E. W. Nolley.....1904

Ruffin, No. 6—Goldsboro,
R. C. Jenkins.....1904—1905

Athenia, No. 8—New Bern,
John C. Scales.....1904—1905

Salisbury, No. 24—Salisbury,
W. T. Rainey.....1904—1905

Scotland, No. 27—Laurinburg,
W. D. B. McEachin.....1904

Durham, No. 31—Durham,
W. M. Yearby.....1904

Pisgah, No. 32—Asheville,
B. M. Jones.....1904—1905

Maxton, No. 33—Maxton,
.....1904

Lumberton, No. 35—Lumberton,
A. E. White.....1904

Rathbone, No. 37—Charlotte,
D. F. Summey, Jr.....1904

Monroe, No. 38—Monroe,
John E. McCarten.....1904—1905

High Point, No. 39—High Point,
John W. Wilborne.....1904

Welcome, No. 40—Tarboro,
R. A. Zoeller.....1904—1905

Damon, No. 41—Winston-Salem,
A. B. Bynum.....1904

Liberty, No. 43—Liberty,
J. Rom Smith.....1904

Asheboro, No. 45—Asheboro,
W. D. Steadman.....1904

Statesville, No. 46—Statesville,
J. A. Brady.....1904—1905

Lincolnton, No. 48—Lincolnton,
S. W. McKee.....1904—1905

Reidsville, No. 49—Reidsville,
B. M. Hitchcock.....1904

Burlington, No. 50—Burlington,
A. M. Garwood.....1904—1905

Concord, No. 51—Concord,
James R. Young.....1904

Gastonia, No. 53—Gastonia,
L. C. Pegram.....1904

Catawba, No. 54—Hickory,
A. A. Whitener.....1904—1905

Rowland, No. 55—Rowland,
A. B. Hedgepeth.....1904

Salem, No. 56—Winston-Salem,
Dr. J. C. Watkins.....1904—1905

Mount Ida, No. 58—Marion,
W. M. Sweeney.....1904—1905

Aberdeen, No. 60—Aberdeen,
.....1904—1905

Jefferson, No. 61—Wilmington,
H. E. Bonitz.....1904

Balsam, No. 62—Waynesville,
S. C. Satterthwaite.....1904—1905

Ramseur, No. 63—Ramseur,
J. M. Whitehead.....1904

Burke, No. 64—Morganton,
F. E. Cook.....1904—1905

Zeb Vance, No. 65—Mooresville,
J. F. Brawley.....1904

Kinston, No. 66—Kinston,
Thomas H. Faulkner.....1904—1905

North Wilkesboro, No. 67—North Wilkesboro,
J. R. Caffey.....1904

Mount Holly, No. 68—Mount Holly,
Henry A. Rhyne.....1904—1905

Guilford, No. 69—Greensboro,
D. H. Collins.....1904

Henrietta, No. 70—Henrietta,
Robert James.....1904—1905

Lexington, No. 71—Lexington,
G. F. Hankins 1904

Excelsior, No. 72—Louisburg,
C. K. Cook.....1904—1905

Pamlico, No. 73—Washington,
Dr. A. S. Wells.....1904

Waxhaw, No. 74—Waxhaw,
James P. Garrison.....1904—1905

Wadesboro, No. 75—Wadesboro,
H. B. Allen.....1904

Matthews, No. 77—Matthews,
F. V. Huey.....1904

Caldwell, No. 78—Lenoir,
D. F. Clark.....1904—1905

Greensboro, No. 80—Greensboro,
C. C. McLean.....1904—1905

Norwood, No. 81—Norwood,
L. W. Hart.....1904

Forest City, No. 82—Forest City,
George W. Biggerstaff.....1904—1905

Charlotte, No. 83—Charlotte,
Frank R. McNinch.....1904

Rocky Mount, No. 84—Rocky Mount,
John L. Arrington.....1904—1905

Henderson, No. 85—Henderson,
C. A. Lewis.....1904

Bethania, No. 86—Bethania,
T. E. Kapp.....1904—1905

Contentnea, No. 87—Wilson,
George W. Connor.....1904

Pittsboro, No. 88—Pittsboro,
F. C. Williams.....1904—1905

Mecklenburg, No. 90—Charlotte,
T. W. Dixon.....1904—1905

Red Springs, No. 91—Red Springs,
J. S. Jones.....1904

Graham, No. 92—Graham,
McBride Holt.....1904—1905

Tar River, No. 93—Greenville,
J. L. Fleming.....1904

King's Mountain, No. 94—King's Mountain,
J. F. White.....1904—1905

Rockingham, No. 95—Rockingham,
W. R. Coppedge.....1904

Piedmont, No. 96—Elkin,
T. R. Crumpler.....1904—1905

Chapel Hill, No. 97—Chapel Hill,
W. E. Lindsay.....1904

Troy, No. 98—Troy,
R. T. Poole.....1904—1905

Rutherfordton, No. 99—Rutherfordton,
R. B. Clarke.....1904

Rowan, No. 100—Salisbury,
G. G. Seyffert.....1904—1905

Worthville, No. 101—Worthville,
R. W. Giles.....1904

China Grove, No. 102—China Grove,
H. C. Lentz.....1904—1905

Whetstone, No. 103—Bessemer City,
Frank Ramsey.....1904

Davidson, No. 104—Davidson,
G. M. Maxwell.....1904—1905

Independence, No. 105—Huntersville,
W. S. Caldwell.....1904

Asheville, No. 106—Asheville,
J. W. C. Deake.....1904—1905

Raeford, No. 107—Raeford,
W. B. McQueen.....1904

Southern Pines, No. 108—Southern Pines,
C. L. Hayes.....1904—1905

East Durham—No. 109—East Durham,
J. W. Cameron.....1904

Walkertown, No. 110—Walkertown,
C. W. Jones.....1904—1905

Myrtle, No. 111—Cedar Grove,
J. S. Spurgeon.....1904

Albemarle, No. 112—Albemarle,
Henry S. Freeman.....1904—1905

Columbus, No. 114—Columbus,
J. E. Shipman.....1904—1905

Star, No. 115—Star,
R. H. Shaw.....1904

Hendersonville, No. 116—Hendersonville,
C. E. Brooks.....1904—1905

Siler City, No. 117—Siler City,
J. C. Lane.....1904

Tryon, No. 118—Tryon,
B. L. Ballinger.....1904—1905

Caroleen, No. 119—Caroleen,
P. C. Hawkins.....1904

Newton, No. 120—Newton,
W. C. Feimster.....1904—1905

Clarkton, No. 121—Clarkton,
M. B. McAuley.....1904

Elizabeth City, No. 122—Elizabeth City,
.....1904—1905

Sanford, No. 123—Sanford,
W. C. York.....1904

Spencer, No. 124—Spencer,
J. W. Young.....1904—1905

Neuse, No. 125—Smithfield,
N. M. Lawrence, Jr.....1904

Ellenboro, No. 126—Ellenboro,
M. D. L. Calton.....1904—1905

Lattimore, No. 127—Lattimore,
W. T. Calton.....1904

Fremont, No. 128—Fremont,
John L. Hare.....1904—1905

Roanoke, No. 129—Plymouth,
W. W. Early.....1904

West Durham, No. 130—West Durham,
J. E. Pegram.....1904—1905

Forsyth, No. 131—Winston-Salem,
H. H. Barnes.....1904

Mount Olive, No. 132—Mount Olive,
M. C. S. Cherry .....1904—1905

Cliffside, No. 133—Cliffside,
L. E. Anderson.....1904

Tuckaseegee, No. 134—Dillsboro,
S. H. McKneely.....1904—1905

Chadbourn, No. 135—Chadbourn,
E. R. Baily.....1904

Cape Fear, No. 136—Dunn,
I. T. Wallace.....1904—1905

Clayton, No. 137—Clayton,
R. F. Williams.....1904

Whiteville, No. 138—Whiteville,
H. L. Lyon.....1904—1905

Carthage, No. 139—Carthage,
C. S. Brewer.....1904

Benson, No. 140—Benson,
E. L. Hall.....1904—1905

Mount Airy, No. 141—Mount Airy,
E. M. Hollingsworth.....1904

Dilworth, No. 142—Charlotte,
Rev. James A. Doritee.....1904—1905

Transylvania, No. 143—Brevard,
William P. Long.....1904

Mount Gilead, No. 144—Mount Gilead,
O. C. Bruton.....1904—1905

Wachovia, No. 145—Winston-Salem,
R. E. Carmichael.....1904

Carolina, No. 146—Hamlet,
R. B. Terry.....1904—1905

Estatoe, No. 147—Micaville,
A. B. Silver.....1904

Fidelity, No. 148—Marshall,
Frank Roberts.....1904—1905

Canton, No. 149—Canton,
J. E. Moore.....1904

Robert Jordan, No. 150—Roxboro,
J. H. Webb.....1904—1905

Hiawasse, No. 151—Murphy,
M. W. Bell.....1904

Cheoah, No. 152—Andrews,
R. S. Porter.....1904—1905

E. W. SMITH (Chairman),
THOMAS H. WEBB,
T. N. HALL,
Committee.

HOUR FOR MORNING SESSIONS FIXED.

On motion of Bro. D. F. Summey, of No. 37, the hour of 9:30 a. m. was fixed for the morning sessions.

INVITATION TO RECEPTION.

Past Grand Chancellor E. A. Ebert, on behalf of the Pythians of Winston-Salem, invited the Grand Lodge to a

reception, to be given on the campus of Salem Female Academy, which was accepted by the Grand Lodge, and at 10 o'clock the Grand Lodge took recess till 9:30 Wednesday morning, and then in charge of the Pythians of Winston-Salem, proceeded to the place of reception, where all were comfortably seated on the campus of that grand and noted school, Salem Female Academy. The programme as arranged was carried out without a hitch and with delight to the guests of the Pythians of Winston-Salem.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday, June 15.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by Grand Chancellor Lyles, with the Grand Lodge officers and representatives of the following lodges present: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 24, 27, 31, 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152.

RESOLUTION BY PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR HOLTON.

Past Grand Chancellor Holton presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Document No. 6.

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the membership of this Grand Domain in the association of Grand Keepers of Records and Seal be continued, and our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is requested to attend meeting this year in Louisville, Ky. Necessary sum to cover his expenses is hereby appropriated.

RESOLUTION BY PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR MEARES.

Past Grand Chancellor Thomas D. Meares offered the following resolution, repealing action of Grand Lodge at the Convention in 1903 fixing the per diem and mileage of the Representatives, which was adopted:

Document No. 7.

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the action of this Grand Lodge, at its Convention of 1903, in adopting the sixth paragraph of the report of the Committee on Finance, as per Document No. 22 of the Proceedings of the Convention of 1903, fixing a per diem and mileage rate of pay for attendance on Grand Lodge Conventions, be and is hereby rescinded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Distribution, through Bro. C. A. Webb, made the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 8.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias:

Your Committee on Distribution make the following recommendations:

1. That that part of the Grand Chancellor's report relating to dispensations be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

2. That those parts of said report referring to district meetings, new Lodges and insurance of Lodge property be referred to Committee on State of the Order.

3. That all relating to Orphans' Fund be referred to Orphans' Committee.

4. That all relating to "Carolina Pythian," "Increase in salary of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal" and "Appropriation for Use of Grand Chancellor" be referred to Finance Committee.

5. That all relating to deaths of brother Knights be referred to a Special Committee on Necrology, consisting of Brothers J. A. Doritee, M. W. Bell and W. R. Coppedge.

6. That all relating to Endowment Rank be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Brothers J. W. Wilborne, J. D. Pridgen and McBride Holt.

7. That in accordance with recommendation of Grand Chancellor, a special memorial service over the late Brother L. P. McLoud be held June 15th at 12:30 P. M.

8. That reports of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exechequer be referred to Committee on Finance.

CHARLES A. WEBB,
J. L. SCOTT, JR.,
T. S. FRANKLIN.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

The Grand Lodge rank was conferred on Charles W. Knight, of Balsam Lodge, No. 62.

TELEGRAM OF GREETING FROM WILMINGTON.

The following telegram was received from J. F. Littleton, K. R. S. of Clarendon Lodge, No. 2:

Document No. 10.

Wilmington, N. C., June 15, 1904.

W. T. Hollowell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Grand Lodge, Winston-Salem, N. C.:

Clarendon No. 2 sends a Pythian greeting to the Grand Lodge.

J. F. LITTLETON,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOARD OF CONTROL.

Supreme Representatives Franklin and Rickert offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Document No. 11.

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That we congratulate the Board of Control upon the splendid showing which has been made for the Endowment Rank.

That we recommend the Endowment Rank to the members of the Order, believing it offers to them reliable and economical insurance.

T. S. FRANKLIN,
R. H. RICKERT,
Supreme Representatives.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

This being the special hour for election of officers, the Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellors Satterthwaite, of No. 62, and H. J. Overman, of No. 24, as tellers, and declared nominations in order.

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Supreme Representative Rickert nominated William F. Robertson, of No. 1, and there being no other nominee, on motion the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, which was done, and William F. Robertson was declared unanimously elected Grand Chancellor.

GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Past Chancellor G. L. Hackney nominated A. S. Barnard, of No. 32, and there being no other nominee, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, by instruction, cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. A. S. Barnard was declared unanimously elected Grand Vice-Chancellor.

GRAND PRELATE.

Supreme Representative Franklin nominated Dr. L. A. Bikle, of No. 94; Bro. W. E. Lindsay, of No. 97, nominated Bro. B. Nooe, the present incumbent. A ballot being taken, Bro. L. A. Bikle received 106 votes, and Bro. Nooe received 24 votes, and Dr. L. A. Bikle was declared elected.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

W. T. Hollowell, the present incumbent, being the only nominee, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the ballot, which was done, and W. T. Hollowell was declared unanimously elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

Bro. John C. Mills, the present incumbent, being the only nominee, and the ballot having been cast by the G. K. R. S., under instructions, he was declared unanimously elected Grand Master of Exchequer.

GRAND MASTER-AT-ARMS.

Bro. McNinch, of No. 83, nominated J. F. Hurly, of No. 51; Rev. J. A. Doritee, of No. 142, nominated A. B. Bynum,

of No. 41; Bro. Walker Taylor, of No. 2, nominated A. E. White, of No. 35. The names of Bros. Hurly and White were withdrawn, and A. B. Bynum being the only nominee, the vote was cast by the G. K. R. S., under instructions, and Bro. Bynum was declared unanimously elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

GRAND INNER GUARD.

Bro. McCausland nominated J. M. Boyette, of No. 112; Bro. Bell nominated F. W. Miller, of No. 62. A ballot being taken, resulted in the election of Bro. J. M. Boyette by the following vote: Boyette, 82; Miller, 45.

GRAND OUTER GUARD.

Past Grand Chancellor Scott nominated Bro. McBride Holt, of No. 92; Bro. J. R. Caffey, of No. 67, nominated J. L. Clements, of No. 67. The name of Bro. Clements was withdrawn, and Bro. Caffey was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Bro. McBride Holt, which was done, and Bro. Holt was declared unanimously elected Grand Outer Guard.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE GOLDSMITH.

Supreme Representative William Goldsmith, of our sister Domain of South Carolina, was present at the Convention, and he was introduced by S. M. of E. Thomas D. Meares, and Bro. Goldsmith entertained the Grand Lodge in a sound, practical, common-sense talk.

REPORT OF SPECIAL ORPHAN COMMITTEE.

The Special Orphan Committee, through Rev. . P R. Law, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 13.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Special Committee, to which was referred a year ago the whole matter of the advisability of founding an Orphans' Home, at this time begs leave to submit the following report:

The preliminary and possibly final work to be done by us revolved obviously around the two points, viz.:

(1) The need of an Orphans' Home at this time; and

(2) The approximate cost of one adequate to ascertained needs, both now and in the early future.

Your Committee, therefore, addressed a letter to each of the Subordinate Lodges of the Domain enquiring if they had in them any dependent orphan or orphans for an Orphans' Home. We also addressed letters to builders and superintendents of Orphans' Homes as experts to ascertain the approximate annual cost of building an Orphans' Home and the cost of maintaining it on a basis of ten orphans in a community of average expensiveness, both as to cost of building and cost of living. We asked for the cost, also, provided the number of orphans should be increased two, three or four times—that is, to twenty, thirty or forty.

Upon the facts obtained from these enquiries we have, in large measure, reached the conclusion to be hereinafter submitted.

The several Lodges of the Domain were applied to for the needed information by the following letter:

Lumber Bridge, N. C., October 5, 1903.

To the Subordinate Lodges:

Brethren:—Please do us the favor to write us officially how many, if any, orphans of Pythian Knights there are in your Lodge or community who are indigent and dependent and would therefore be eligible to a place in an Orphans' Home if one should be established in our Domain. By answering this enquiry through your Keeper of Records and Seal, and doing so at once, you will confer a great favor upon us.

Let your reply be directed to the chairman of this committee—Rev. P. R. Law, Lumber Bridge, N. C.

P. R. LAW,
G. W. MONTCASTLE,
T. S. FRANKLIN,
Special Committee on Orphans' Home.

SECOND APPEAL.

The above request was mailed to you October 5, 1903, and no answer thereto has been received. We hereby repeat the request, asking more earnestly still for a prompt reply.

By order of the Committee.

P. R. LAW, Chairman,
Lumber Bridge, N. C.

Lumber Bridge, N. C., December 7, 1903.

Replies were received from fifty-two out of our 119 Lodges. All of these several replies reported there were no dependent orphan or orphans in them that would be placed in an Orphans' Home if we had one.

A letter according to the aforesaid outline (we did not keep a transcript of it), asking for the approximate cost of building and maintaining an Orphans' Home, was addressed to the superintendents of the Oxford, Goldsboro, Thomasville and Barium Springs Orphanages. Replies were received thereto from Oxford and Goldsboro.

Your Committee, with the information aforesaid and in reliance on facts gathered by oral enquiries and its own general knowledge of building, reached the conclusion that within the limitations named it would cost an approximate of two thousand five hundred dollars to erect the needed buildings for ten orphans, and it would cost one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars a year to maintain it in such way as would be most agreeable to the instincts of the Lodge and most in keeping with the better class of Orphanages of our time. That for twenty orphans it would cost $3,500 for building and $2,750 for maintaining. These estimates are exclusive of the land for the plant.

After a full and careful survey of the matter in all its bearings, we have been forced by the stern principles of sound business procedure to the following conclusions:

Inasmuch as we have no orphans, and our funds are safely secured and interest bearing, and our funds are always tangible to proceed at our will to build an Orphanage at once as we may find there is need; and there is a provision at hand to promptly furnish a home for any child of a Knight that may suddenly fall into dependence and helplessness, we would recommend that we do not now undertake to build a home.

P. R. LAW.
T. S. FRANKLIN.

RESOLUTION BY THOMAS D. MEARES.

The following resolution was presented by P. G. C. Meares and referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Document No. 14.

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

That the Supreme Representatives of this Domain be, and they are hereby, instructed to introduce and advocate in the Supreme Lodge at its coming Convention legislation repealing the compulsory suspension of members for non-payment of dues, and substi-

tuting therefor legislation which will place members who become one year in arrears for dues in a non-affiliated class, entitled to no benefits nor privileges except attendance upon Subordinate Lodge Conventions.

REPORT OF ORPHAN COMMITTEE.

Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Orphans, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 15.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

It may not be over bold to say that a kind Providence has kept secure and increased the Orphans' Fund for us during another year as a proof of the Divine love for the fatherless and preparation for their sustenance and education. This fund is set apart by joyful and loving Pythians for the making of a home for their children should they be left homeless and helpless, and is felt in the deeper depths of all their hearts to be sacred. The hand that would wrest it would be a sacriligious hand. Whatever else we do, we must see to it that this treasure is safeguarded. It is not a home, but it represents one. With it one can be provided at will. The growth of it pleases. No story of the doings of the Domain is so sweet and inspiring as that of the increase of this provision against the homelessness and coldness of a world so chilly and indifferent even to little ones left with no support and father and mother dead. Our report thus has to do with that which enriches most our loyalty to the Order and promotes most our interest in its advancement.

Our report shall fall, in order to ready reference and a clear understanding of it, into the usual form.

FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the fund is seen from the following statement:

Received from initiates	$ 778 00
Received from interest on deposits	285 16
Received from 10 per cent. per capita tax	575 77
	$ 1,638 93

FUNDS NOW ON HAND.

Total added this year	$ 1,638 93
Balance by last report	10,289 82
Total on hand	$11,928 75

WHERE DEPOSITED.

This fund is deposited as follows:

In Charlotte National Bank, Charlotte	$ 3,000 00
In Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, Winston	2,000 00
In People's Saving Bank, Wilmington	2,000 00
In Southern States Trust Company, Charlotte	1,343 09
In Bank of Lexington, Lexington	3,584 86
	$11,928 75

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That this fund be deposited or invested by the joint action of the Grand Master of Exchequer and this Committee.

2. That this Committee be authorized to provide out of the fund for the care of all such children of Pythians in the Domain as need it by placing them at once, upon application, in one or the other of the several Orphans' Homes of the State.

P. R. LAW,
L. D. ROBINSON,
H. J. OVERMAN.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Bro. Taylor, for the Judiciary Committee, presented the following report on that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report, with reference to dispensations, which was adopted:

Document No. 16.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee recommends that that portion of the Grand Chancellor's report in reference to dispensations be approved.

WALKER TAYLOR,
ALFRED S. BARNARD,
L. A. BIKLE.

NEXT MEETING PLACE SELECTED.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the selection of a place for the next Annual Convention.

Rev. James A. Doritee and other representatives of the lodges in Charlottee invited the Grand Lodge to hold the next Convention at Charlotte, and on motion Charlotte was unanimously selected, and the time of holding the Convention was referred to the Charlotte representatives to report during the Convention.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR M'LOUD.

The special hour—12:30—for memorial services to our deceased brother, Past Grand Chancellor Lawrence P. McLoud, having arrived, the Grand Chancellor introduced Bro. Alf. S. Barnard, of Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, of Asheville, who delivered a most touching eulogy and address on the life and character of Bro. McLoud.

Bro. Barnard was extended the thanks of the Grand Lodge, and requested to furnish copy of his address to the *Carolina Pythian* and to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for publication in the Journal.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Grand Lodge took recess till 2:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2:30 by Grand Chancellor Lyles, with the officers and representatives present.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENT 14.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report on Document No. 14, with amendments, which was adopted.

Document No. 17.

Document No. 14 is as follows:

Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

That the Supreme Representatives of this Domain be, and are hereby, instructed to introduce and advocate in the Supreme Lodge legislation repealing the compulsory suspension of members for non-payment of dues, and substituting therefor legislation which will place members who become one year in arrears for dues in a

non-beneficial class, entitled to no privileges except attendance upon Subordinate Lodge Conventions.

WALKER TAYLOR,
ALFRED S. BARNARD,
L. A. BIKLE,
Judiciary Committee.

The amendment as offered by the Judiciary Committee, and which was adopted, is as follows:

But said Subordinate Lodges shall not be required to pay a per capita tax on such members as have so become non-beneficial.

After which the document was adopted as amended.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Necrology presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Document No. 18.

Brethren: It is our sad duty to report the following deaths among the beloved members of our Order since our last annual Convention:

Lodge No. 1—J. W. Zimmerman, J. M. McGowan, B. F. White.
Lodge No. 2—G. T. Bland.
Lodge No. 3—R. L Prempert.
Lodge No 4—E. Rehder, J. F. Stolte.
Lodge No. 5—James B. Smith, D. M. Bain, A. Garrison.
Lodge No. 6—D S. Harmon.
Lodge No 8—K. R. Jones.
Lodge No. 24—B. G Hall.
Lodge No. 31—R. C. Patterson.
Lodge No. 32—W. A. Blair, L. P. McLoud, D. G. Moore.
Lodge No. 35—T. A. Norment, Sr.
Lodge No. 39—S. P. Hill.
Lodge No. 41—Philip Hanes, J. W. Hanes, Samuel Brewer.
Lodge No. 46—H. C. Parks.
Lodge No. 48—W. W. McCutchen.
Lodge No 54—A. S. Ellison.
Lodge No. 56—S. A. Pfohl, R. M. McArthur.
Lodge No. 62—James M. Moody.
Lodge No. 65—R. M. Johnston.
Lodge No. 66—C. F. Hoell.
Lodge No. 70—P. D. McDaniel.
Lodge No. 72—M. H. Aycock.

Lodge No. 74—L. H. Creekmore.
Lodge No. 77—T. A. Hooks.
Lodge No. 80—J. H. Harris.
Lodge No. 84—W. H. Van Hook
Lodge No. 90—W. P. Knowles, R. L. Brinkley.
Lodge No. 91—J. W. Wallace.
Lodge No. 106—J. McD. Whitson.
Lodge No. 109—O. T. Hamlet.
Lodge No. 114—A. E. Jones.
Lodge No. 116—A. J. Jones.
Lodge No. 124—C. R. Kinney.
Lodge No. 134—D. A. Boyd.

We would remind our brethren of the sacred duty of cherishing the memory of these, our brethren who have forever lowered their visors on the scenes of this world.

We further recommend that the names of these brethren be given a memorial page in the Journal of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES A. DORRITEE,
W. R. COPPEDGE,
M. W. BELL.

RESOLUTION BY J. D. NUTT.

The following resolution was offered by Representative James D. Nutt, of No. 2, and tabled:

Document 19.

Be it Resolved, by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina, that the Supreme Representatives of this Domain be and are hereby instructed to introduce and advocate in the coming convention of The Supreme Lodge, legislation repealing the law requiring a member to be paid up to the first of July before being entitled to the semi-annual pass word for the following term.

JAMES D. NUTT.

RESOLUTION BY W. W. WILLSON.

Bro. W. W. Willson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Document 20.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina, That the Grand Lodge defend the action brought against George L. Hackney by one of the Charter list of the Canton Lodge and all actions growing out of this action be defended and that the incoming Grand Chancellor be instructed to secure counsel for this purpose. WILLSON.

PROPOSITION BY THOS. D. MEARES.

Past Grand Chancellor Meares offered the following proposition, and moved the adoption of same. Representative Whitener, of No. 54, moved to table the proposition, and on this motion called for an Aye and No vote, which was ordered, and the motion to table was defeated by the following vote: Ayes, 22; Noes, 97. A vote was then taken on the proposition as offered, which was adopted.

Document 21.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

To amend Chapter 9 Grand Statutes by adding the following, to be designated Section 4.

A State Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be appointed by the Grand Chancellor at each annual convention, or as soon thereafter as possible who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Grand Chancellor, and who shall give his entire time to the duties of his position. He shall be subject to the orders and direction of the Grand Chancellor, his duties to relate principally to the organization of new lodges, making visitations as required and reporting to the Grand Chancellor the condition and needs of the Subordinate Lodges of the Domain and all other matters pertaining to the growth, welfare and extension of the Order. The sum of Nine Hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the salary per annum of said Deputy and the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, or as much thereby as may be necessary for his travelling expenses.

RECESS TAKEN.

A motion was made to take recess till 8:30 to-night. An amendment was offered to make it 9:30 Thursday morning. The amendment was carried, and the Grand Lodge took recess till 9:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

June 16.

Grand Lodge called to order at 9:30 by Grand Chancellor Lyles, with the officers and a quorum present.

GRAND LODGE RANK CONFERRED.

The Grand Lodge Rank was conferred upon Past Chancellor Nathan Lazarus, of No. 64.

CHARGES PREFERRED.

Bro. D. F. Summey made a statement to the Grand Lodge with reference to the alleged conduct of one of its members in being charged with insulting a lady at the hotel, and moved that a committee be appointed to investigate and report to this meeting of the Grand Lodge, which was unanimously adopted, and the Grand Chancellor appointed Bros. D. F. Summey, of No. 37, M. W. Bell, of No. 151, and T. H. Webb, of No. 111, and requested them to retire and make a thorough and immediate investigation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Bro. A. E McCausland, for the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document 22.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on State of the Order in making its annual report finds that the Order throughout the Grand Domain is in better condition both financially and numerically than at any time in its history.

Reports show that 10 new lodges have been instituted with a net gain of more than 1100 members.

This most phenomenal increase is due to the great efforts and untiring zeal of your present G. C. W. M. Lyles and your Committee would extend to him and the members of the Grand Domain its most hearty congratulations upon so successful a year's work and the bright outlook for the future. The large number of reinstatements and small number of suspensions, comparatively, is particu-

larly gratifying. The District meetings have proven so valuable that we would recommend their continuance and urge that they be held in each District, prior to January 1st, if possible.

We recommend that Charters be granted to the new Lodges instituted during the year.

We recommend that charters be furnished at cost to Rocky Mount, No. 84; Tryon, No. 118, and Carolina, No. 146, on account of loss by fire. Quite a number of lodges are careless as to insuring their lodge property.

We would specially recommend that the G. K. of R. and S. issue a circular letter to the subordinate Lodges throughout the Domain requesting each Lodge to report to him at once the value of Lodge property and amount of insurance thereon, and if he finds that any Lodge has no insurance and refuses to insure then he is authorized to insure said property for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, at the expense of such subordinate lodge to be charged against the Lodge as a debt to the Grand Lodge.

The Carolina Pythian is exerting such an influence throughout the Domain in disseminating the principles of our Order, that we take great pleasure in commending this most excellent publication and urge every Pythian to become a subscriber.

We recommend that the office of District Deputy G. C. be continued. We believe that the time has come when the Domain needs the services of a Grand Lecturer or Deputy, to continue the prosperity of the Order and we recommend that the Grand Lodge at its present session take some action to accomplish this purpose.

The statement of the Endowment Rank shows it to be in a most excellent condition, and we commend this branch of the Order to every member as a safe and reliable means of protection.

We recommend that the expenses of the D. D. G. C's. in attendance upon this session of the Grand Lodge be paid, they having complied with the Grand Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. McCAUSLAND,
H. H. WILSON,
SAM'L KRAMER.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee, through Bro. W. W. Willson, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document 23.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee begs to report that they have examined the

books and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Master of Exchequer; we find the same neatly kept and correct.

The amount on hand belonging to the general fund is $4,024.55; the amount belonging to the orphan fund is $11,928.75.

We submit herewith the following trial balance of the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

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Sundry Lodge balances	$ 79 57
John C. Mills, G. M. of Ex	4,024 55
John C. Mills, G. M. of Ex	11,928 75
Property account	319 00
Supplies	156 15
	$16,508 02

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Sundry balances due lodges	$ 12 25
Inventory account	4,564 52
Orphan Fund	11,929 75
Cards returned	1 50
	$16,508 02

We recommend that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be $700.00 a year and that of the G. M. of Ex. $50.00 a year.

We recommend that the payment of $75.00 a year for office rent of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be continued.

We recommend that the allowance of $300.00 to the Grand Chancellor for clerical assistance be continued.

We recommend that an appropriation of $300.00 be paid to the Carolina Pythian.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILLSON,
For Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT RANK.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chancellor's Report with reference to Endowment Rank, presented the following report, which was adopted.

Document 24.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We your committee on Endowment Rank recommend that the Grand Domain of North Carolina congratulate the Board of

Control of Endowment Rank upon the very satisfactory condition of its financial management and we recommend this as a safe and reliable insurance to the membership of our order, we your committee believing that this has offered great relief to our widows and orphans. There is now $3,330,500 of insurance in force. Amount paid $350,000. The Endowment Rank is now in better condition than ever before in its history.

Submitted,

JOHN W. WILBORN,
J. D. PRIDGEN,
McBRIDE HOLT.

INVITATION FROM R. J. REYNOLDS CO.

Bro. A. B. Bynum, of Lodge No. 41, extended to the Grand Lodge an invitation from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of Winston, to view their plant, and the invitation was accepted with thanks, and after the closing of the Grand Lodge many of the representatives availed themselves of the opportunity and visited the factories.

TIME FIXED FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

The representatives of the lodges at Charlotte, to whom was referred the matter of recommending to the Grand Lodge the time of holding the next Convention, recommended the second Tuesday in June, and on motion the report was adopted, and the second Tuesday in June, 1905, was selected as the time for holding the next Annual Convention.

"CAROLINA PYTHIAN" HEARD FROM.

Bro. J. G. Baird, editor of the *Carolina Pythian*, was accorded the privileges of the floor to present the claims of the paper, and he appealed to the members and representatives of the Grand Lodge, and the result was a good increase in his subscription list.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Bro. E. W. Smith, of No. 84, offered the following resolution of thanks to the ladies and Knights of Winston-Salem, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Document 25.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Winston and Salem lodges, and to the Committee on Entertainment for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Grand Lodge.

They have made our stay among them one of unalloyed pleasure and the remembrance of our visit will long linger in our memory.

That our thanks be tendered to the ladies of Winston-Salem who have so largely contributed to the pleasure of the occasion.

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered the R. J. Reynolds Co. and the Salem Female Academy and others for courtesies extended.

E. W. SMITH.

RESOLUTION BY B. M. JONES.

The following resolution was offered by Representative B. M. Jones, of No. 32, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, who stated that there was nothing in the resolution requiring any action by that committee, and on motion the matter was referred to Bro. J. A. Doritee, who presented a report on same:

Document 26.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That it is the sense of this Convention, that none of the proceedings of this, or any future meeting or meetings of this Grand Lodge be given out for publication except by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

B. M. JONES.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee, through Bro. Hoffman, presented the following report showing the cost of the Convention, which was adopted:

Document 27.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of Grand Lodge:

Your Finance Committee have examined and approved the following accounts and recommend that warrants be drawn for same:

T. D. Meares, Past Grand Chancellor.....	$ 24 35
E. A. Ebert, Past Grand Chancellor.....	
C. E. Holton, Past Grand Chancellor.....	5 55

C. A. Webb, Past Grand Chancellor.....$	6 25
J. L. Scott, Jr., Past Grand Chancellor.....	7 55
T. S. Franklin, Supreme Representative.....	3 85
R. H. Rickert, Supreme Representative.....	7 85
W. M. Lyles, Grand Chancellor.....	11 10
Wm. F. Robertson, Grand Vice Chancellor.....	24 35
B. Nooe, Grand Prelate	12 60
W. T. Hollowell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal....	16 90
C. G. Smith, Assistant Grand Keeper of Records and Seal	15 25
F. W. Miller, Grand Inner Guard.....	14 90
J. M. Boyette, Grand Outer Guard.....	13 05
J. D. McCall, Grand Tribunal.....	6 35
D. J. Hill, Grand Tribunal.....	6 85
Walker Taylor, Judiciary.....	24 35
A. S. Barnard, Judiciary.....	16 25
A. E. McCausland, State of Order.....	8 60
H. H. Wilson, State of Order.....	19 00
Sam'l Kramer, State of Order.....	7 25
J. H. Hoffmann, Finance.....	9 85
W. W. Willson, Finance.....	16 05
S. J. Cain, Finance.....	10 45
Rev. P. R. Law—Orphans.....	15 99
H. J. Overman—Orphans.....	6 95
L. D. Robinson—Orphans.....	16 00
E. W. Smith—Credentials.....	12 73
T. H. Webb—Credentials.....	6 45
T. N. Hall—Credentials.....	6 65
N. B. Alexander—Foreign Correspondent.....	11 78

W. C. Smith—1.....$	24 35	G. G. Seyfert—100.....	6 35
Jas. D. Nutt—2.....	24 35	R. W. Giles—101.....	7 38
C. H. Beine—3.....	12 05	H. C. Lentz—102.....	9 05
G. F. Seiter—4.....	24 35	Frank Ramsey—103...	
E. W. Nolley—5.....	11 78	G. M. Maxwell—104....	7 20
R. C. Jenkins—6.....	12 00	W. S. Caldwell—105....	10 65
Jno. C. Scales—8.....	16 85	J. W. C. Deake—106....	15 45
W. T. Rainey—24.....	6 95	W. B. McQueen—107..	
W. D. B. McEachin—27	14 10	C. L. Hayes—108.....	11 60
W. M. Yerby—31.....	8 95	J. W. Cameron—109....	
B. M. Jones—32.....	15 15	C. W. Jones—110.....	4 60
A. E. White—35.....	17 40	J. S. Spurgeon—111....	5 50
D. F. Summey, Jr—37..	8 35	H. S. Freeman—112....	13 05
Jno. E. McCarten—38..	14 61	J. E. Shipman—114....	16 50
Jno. W. Wilborne—39..	7 50	R. H. Shaw—115.....	9 12
R. A. Zoeller—40.....	16 65	C. E. Brooks—116.....	16 08
A. B. Bynum—41.....		J. C. Lain—117.....	11 20
J. Rom Smith—43.....	6 35	B. L. Ballinger—118...	16 50

W. D. Steadman—45...	8 40
J. A. Brady—46.....	7 85
S. W. McKee—48.....	13 00
B. M. Haithcock—49...	5 58
A. M. Garwood—50....	7 55
Jas. R. Young—51.....	9 65
L. C. Pegram—53.....	9 30
A. A. Whitener—54....	10 05
A. B. Hedgepeth—55...	16 25
J. C. Watkins—56.....	
W. M. Sweeney—58....	10 28
H. E. Bonitz—61.....	17 85
S. C. Satterwhite—62..	18 85
J. M. Whitehead—63...	7 95
F. E. Cook—64.....	9 92
J. F. Brawley—65.....	7 15
T. H. Faulkner—66....	19 00
J. R. Caffey—67.....	6 75
Henry A. Rhyne—68..	9 55
D. H. Collins—69.....	5 50
Robert James—70.....	15 00
G. F. Hankins—71.....	6 85
C. K. Cook—72.....	
A. S. Wells—73.....	19 60
Jas. P. Garison—74.....	15 41
H. B. Allen—75.....	
F. V. Huey—77.....	9 55
D. F. Clark—78.....	11 88
C. C. McLean—80.....	5 00
L. W. Hart—81.....	12 45
G. W. Biggerstaff—82..	15 10
F. R. McNinch—83....	8 85
Jno. L. Arrington—84..	13 48
C. A. Lewis—85.....	12 50
T. E. Kapp—86.....	4 75
G. W. Connor—87.....	14 32
F. C. Williams—88....	12 60
T. W. Dixon—90.....	8 35
J. S. Jones—91.....	
McBride Holt—92.....	7 55
J. L. Fleming—93.....	22 75
J. F. White—94.....	9 50
W. R. Coppedge—95...	12 75
T. R. Crumpler—96....	6 95
W. E. Lindsey—97.....	11 42
R. T. Poole—98.....	9 50
R. B. Clarke—99.....	17 80
P. C. Hawkins—119....	15 00
W. C. Feimster—120...	8 80
M. B. McAuley—121....	16 90
W. C. York—123.....	8 20
J. W. Young—124.....	9 50
N. M. Lawrance, Jr—125	9 25
M. D. L. Calton—126..	14 21
W. T. Colton—127.....	13 70
Jno. L. Hare—128.....	14 11
W. W. Early—129.....	
J. E. Pegram—130....	12 00
H. H. Barnes—131.....	2 00
M. C. S. Cherry—132..	19 20
L. E. Anderson—133...	
S. H. McNeeley—134...	18 40
E. R. Bailey—135... ..	26 40
I. T. Wallace—136.....	12 30
R. F. Williams—137....	11 65
H. L. Lyon—138.....	
C. S. Brewer—139.....	11 60
E. L. Hall—140.....	
E. M. Hollingsworth--141	5 95
Rev. J. A. Doritee—142	8 35
Wm. P. Long—143.....	18 58
O. C. Bruton—144.....	9 88
R. E. Carmichael—145..	
R. B. Terry—146.....	
A. B. Silver—147.....	
Frank Roberts—148....	12 65
J. E. Moore—149.....	18 40
J. H. Webb—150.....	8 00
M. W. Bell—151.....	17 85
R. S. Porter—152.....	19 81

D. D. G. C.

J. D. Pridgen—3 Dist..	8 95
R. J. Cochrane—5 Dist	7 85
A. H. London—6 Dist..	11 60
J. W. Simpson—9 Dist.	15 80
Geo. L. Hackney--10 Dist	16 20
J. C. Estes—11 Dist...	9 92
J. G. Fowler—12 Dist..	4 50
Janitor Winston Lodges	5 00
T. H. Webb, Spec. Com.	1 40
	$1675 32

EXEMPLIFICATION OF SECRET WORK.

Supreme Representative R. H. Rickert was requested to exemplify the unwritten work, which was done.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. James A. Doritee, to whom was referred the question of recommendation to Grand Lodge with reference to the publication in the papers such matters as are pertinent, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document 28.

To the Grand Lodge—Brothers: Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report upon resolution referred to it.

We report and recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, be authorized to give to the press for publication as news, such matter as in his judgment should be given the public.

JAMES A. DORITEE.

PRESENTATION OF GOLD WATCH.

Bro. W. W. Willson, on behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge, presented, in appropriate remarks, to Bro. W. M. Lyles, Grand Chancellor, a fine gold watch as a token of regard and as a memento for his valuable services and untiring zeal during the incumbency of the office of Grand Chancellor.

Bro. Lyles was deeply touched and much affected, and replied and accepted the gift in appropriate remarks.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

The special committee to whom was referred the matter of investigating the alleged accusation against a member of the Grand Lodge, presented the following report, and on motion the report was ordered read and taken up by sections.

Section 1 was read and adopted. Section 2 was read and adopted, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

Document 29.

Sec. 1. We, your Special Committee after investigating the charges against ——————————, a member of the Grand Lodge, of in-

sulting a woman, on June 15, 1904, viz.: ——————, find that the said charge is not true.

2. We further find, however, that said ——— was under the influence of intoxicants on said day.

D F. SUMMEY, JR.,
M. W. BELL,
THOS. H. WEBB.

RESOLUTION TO NOTIFY LODGE.

Bro. Thomas D. Meares moved that a copy of the accusation and report with reference to the member of the Grand Lodge, be furnished his Lodge, with names of witnesses, that they may take such action as the statutes require, which was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

Bro. James A. Doritee presented the retiring Grand Chancellor, Bro. Lyles, in very appropriate words, the Past Grand Chancellor's jewel, that is prescribed by resolution to be given each retiring Grand Chancellor. Bro. Lyles thanked the Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Grand Chancellor Rickert, as Installing Officer, assisted by Bro. Meares, acting as Supreme Prelate, and J. L. Scott, acting Supreme Master-at-Arms, installed the following Grand Lodge officers:

Grand Chancellor—Wm. F. Robertson.
Grand Vice-Chancellor—A. S. Barnard.
Grand Prelate—Dr. L. A. Bikle.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.—W. T. Hollowell.
Grand Master at Arms—A. B. Bynum.
Grand Inner Guard—J. M. Boyette.
Grand Outer Guard—McBride Holt.

Bro. John C. Mills, the Grand Master of Exchequer, being absent on account of sickness, the Grand Lodge ordered that he be installed later.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND TRIBUNE.

Grand Chancellor Robertson appointed Bro. J. D. McCall as a member of the Grand Tribunal, to succeed himself, his term having expired with this convention, and the nomination was unanimously confirmed.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Grand Chancellor Robertson appointed the following standing committees:

Judiciary Committee.

Walker Taylor of No. 2, Wilmington.
T. H. Webb of No. 111, Hillsboro.
W. C. Crist of No. 56, Winston-Salem.

State of the Order.

A. E. McCausland of No. 37, Charlotte.
H. H. Wilson of No. 66, Kinston.
Samuel Kramer of No. 31, Durham.

Finance.

J. H. Hoffman of No. 46, Statesville.
W. W. Willson, of No. 3, Raleigh.
S. J. Cain, of No 106, Asheville.

Orphan Committee.

Rev. P. R. Law of No. 91, Red Springs.
H. J. Overman of No. 24, Salisbury.
L. D. Robinson of No. 75, Wadesboro.

Credentials.

Geo. C. Goodman of No. 65, Mooresville.
E. W. Smith of No. 84, Rocky Mount.
A. E. White of No. 35, Lumberton.

Foreign Correspondent.

N. B. Alexander of No. 5, Fayetteville.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The Grand Chancellor announced the appointment of his District Deputies as follows:

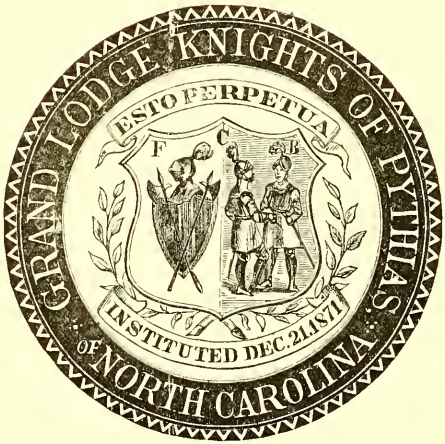
First District—M. B. McAuly, Clarkton.
Second District—J. L. Fleming, Greenville.

Third District—J. D. Pridgen, Durham.
Fourth District—N. M. Lawrence, Jr., Smithfield.
Fifth District—R. J. Cochrane—Huntersville.
6th District—J. C. Niemyer, Hamlet.
Seventh District—Whitehead Klutz, Salisbury.
Eighth District—F. H. Vogler—Winston-Salem.
Ninth District—J. W. Simpson, Rutherfordton.
Tenth District—George L. Hackney, Asheville.
Eleventh District—Z. V. Turlington, Mooresville.
Twelfth District—J. G. Fowler. Greensboro.

CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE.

At 2 o'clock P. M., all the business of the Grand Lodge having been attended to, the Grand Prelate invoked the Divine Blessing, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.



Amendments to the Constitution and Grand Statutes.

The present Constitution and Statutes were adopted at the annual Convention in 1895, and all amendments that were made to same, up to and including the Convention of 1899, were incorporated in the present Grand Constitution and Statutes, and same printed in their present shape.

For amendments to same, since that time, is the following:

CONVENTION OF 1900.

No changes were made.

CONVENTION OF 1901.

The following are the changes at the Convention held at Greensboro in June, 1901:

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report, and a roll call showed that it received the required two-thirds vote and was declared adopted:

Document No. 7.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition amending Section 6 of Article 2 of the Grand Constitution, be amended by striking out the word "May" in the third line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "June," and that the same be further amended by adding after the word "June" the following: "Provided that the foregoing amendment shall only apply to meeting of the Grand Lodge in the year 1902."

WALKER TAYLOR.
J. D. McCALL,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
Judiciary Committee.

PROPOSITION BY A. E. McCAUSLAND.

The following proposition, offered by A. E. McCausland at the last Convention of the Grand Lodge, as Document No. 35, and carried over to this Convention, was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the words "and District Deputy Grand Chancellors" be in-

serted after the word "Chancellors" in third line of Section 2, Chapter 7, Grand Statutes.

A. E. McCAUSLAND, No. 37.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report, which was adopted:

Document No. 9.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Proposition by A. E. McCausland amending Section 2, Chapter 7, of the Grand Statutes, having been duly considered, we recommend that the same be adpoted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
J. D. McCALL,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
Judiciary Committee.

CONVENTION OF 1902.

The following amendments were adopted at the annual Convention held at Asheville in June, 1902:

PROPOSITION BY THOS. D. MEARES.

The following proposition was offered by Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Document No. 11.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That the following section be added to Chapter 1 of the Grand Statutes and numbered 4.

All officers of this Grand Lodge shall be at the time of their election actual bona fide residents of this Grand Domain and shall continue so during their term of office.

Removal of residence from the Domain of any Grand Lodge officer during his incumbency of the office held by him, shall constitute a forfeiture of his office.

THOS. D. MEARES.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report on Document No. 11, and unanimous consent having been given for its consideration, it was adopted:

Document No. 28.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition No. 11, by Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, amending Title one, Chapter one, by adding a section to be designated as Section No. 4, be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
H. W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

The following proposition to amend the Constitution was read, and it having the signature of the required number of Representatives, was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Document No. 17.

Be it Enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Section six (6), Article two (2), of the Grand Constitution, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words "in the Month of April," and be further amended by striking out in line six of said article the following words, "of said month," and inserting in lieu and instead thereof the words "in the month of April."

W. F. STEVENS, 77.
J. S. BRYAN, 124
W. R. STEELE, 74.
NATHAN A. KIME, 43.
A. L. CRISSMAN, 71.
J. S. HENDREN, 96.
R. E. TRANSON, 86.
J. T. FINLEY, 67.
J. M. CUNNINGHAM, 69.
T. J. GREEN, 54.
H. A. WHITE, 93.
WALTER B. BELL, 112.
T. B. JACOCKS, 40.
E. A. DARDEN, 87.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report on Document 17, amending the Constitution, unanimous consent being given for its consideration, and a vote being taken, it was adopted by the constitutional number (the vote being unanimous):

Document No. 20.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that proposition amending Section 6 of Article 2 of the Grand Constitution be adopted.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report on that portion of the report of the Grand Chancellor referred to them regarding vacancies in Grand Lodge offices, which was adopted:

Document No. 23.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

That part of the Grand Chancellor's report regarding vacancies having been referred to this committee, and after due consideration, we recommend the adoption of the following:

That Chapter 5, Section 4, of the Grand Statutes of the Grand Domain of North Carolina be amended by adding the following to said section, to-wit: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor, caused by death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, as provided by law, then in that event the Past Grand Chancellors in the order of their juniority in point of service, shall act as Grand Chancellor for the remainder of the current term and until said office shall be duly filled by election and installation at the next regular convention of the Grand Lodge.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
L. D. ROBINSON.

CONVENTION OF 1903.

The following amendments were adopted at the annual Convention, held at Wilmington in June, 1903:

PROPOSITION BY COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

The following proposition was offered by Committee on State of the Order and referred to Judiciary Committee:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of North Carolina:

That Chapter IX, Section 1, be amended by adding, "and each deputy be required to furnish the chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order with a copy of his report, and the failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall forfeit his allowance for expenses in attendance upon the Grand Lodge Convention.

A. E. McCAUSLAND,
H. H. WILSON,
SAMUEL KRAMER,
Committee on State of the Order.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Judiciary Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias:

The proposition presented by Committee on State of the Order—amending Chapter IX, Section 1—having been duly considered, has our approval, and we recommend its adoption.

WALKER TAYLOR,
HARRY W. WHEDBEE,
ALFRED S. BARNARD,
Judiciary Committee.

CONVENTION OF 1904.

The following amendment was adopted at the annual Convention, held at Winston-Salem in June, 1904:

To amend Chapter 9, Grand Statutes by adding the following, to be designated Sec. 4.

A State Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be appointed by the Grand Chancellor at each annual convention or as soon thereafter as possible who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Grand Chancellor, and who shall give his entire time to the duties of his position. He shall be subject to the orders and directions of the Grand Chancellor his duties to relate principally to the organization of new lodges, making visitations as required and reporting to the Grand Chancellor the condition and needs of the Subordinate Lodges of the Domain, and all other matters pertaining to the growth, welfare and extension of the Order. The sum of Nine Hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated for the salary per annum of said Deputy and the sum of Six Hundred dollars or as much thereby as may be necessary for his travelling expenses.

Districts of the Grand Domain of North Carolina

With the Lodges and District Deputy Grand Chancellors in Charge, Together with the Deputy of each Lodge.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

D. D. G. C., M. B. McAuly, Clarkton, No. 121, Clarkton.

No. 1, Stonewall, Wilmington.....J. D. Kelley.
No. 2, Clarendon, Wilmington.....W. C. VonGlahn.
No. 4, Germania, Wilmington.....J. Duls.
No. 61, Jefferson, Wilmington.....J. H. Taylor, Jr.
No. 121, Clarkton.....Dr. L. B. Evans.
No. 135, Chadbourne.....A. Gonser.
No. 138, Whiteville.....H. B. Maxwell.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

D. D. G. C., J. L. Fleming, Tar River Lodge, No. 93, Greenville.

No. 6, Ruffin, Goldsboro.....H. C. Smith.
No. 8, Athenia, New Bern.....J. H. Smith
No. 40, Welcome, Tarboro.....T. B. Jacocks.
No. 66, Kinston.....L. J. Mewborne.
No. 73, Pamlico, Washington.....F. C. Kugler.
No. 84, Rocky Mount.....L. F. Tillery.
No. 87, Contentnea, Wilson.....Dr. C. A. Thompson.
No. 93, Tar River, Greenville.....Dr. E. A. Moye.
No. 122, Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City.....W. W. Mann.
No. 128, Fremont, Fremont.....J. L. Hare.
No. 129, Roanoke, Plymouth.....Clarence Latham.
No. 132, Mount Olive, Mount Olive.....M. T. Breazeale.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

D. D. G. C., J. D. Pridgen, Durham Lodge, No. 31, Durham.

No. 3, Centre, Raleigh.....Miles Goodwin.
No. 31, Durham, Durham.....W. M. Yearby.
No. 50, Burlington, Burlington.....R. M. Morrow.
No. 72, Louisburg, Louisburg.....J. J. Barrow.
No. 85, Henderson, Henderson.....F. L. Page.
No. 92, Graham, Graham.....McBride Holt.
No. 97, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill.....T. E. Sparrow.
No. 109, East Durham, East Durham.....J. W. Holder.

No. 111, Myrtle, Hillsboro.....Dr. Claude N. Hughes.
No. 130, West Durham, West Durham.....E. K. Powe.
No. 137, Clayton, Clayton.....R. F. Williams.
No. 150—Robt. Jordan, Roxboro.....J. H. Webb.

DISTRICT No. 4.

D. D. G. C., N. M. Lawrence, Jr., Neuse Lodge, No. 125, Smithfield.

No. 5, Cumberland, Fayetteville.....A. J. Cook.
No. 27, Scotland, Laurinburg.....W. H. McLaurin.
No. 33, Maxton, Maxton.....D. A. Patterson.
No. 35, Lumberton, Lumberton.....D. F. Edmond.
No. 55, Rowland, Rowland.....Dr. Howard Reedy.
No. 91, Red Springs, Red Springs.....J. T. McNeill.
No. 107, Raeford, Raeford.....J. W. Johnson.
No. 125, Neuse, Smithfield.....Wm. R. Long.
No. 136, Cape Fear, Dunn.....I. T. Wallace.
No. 140, Benson, Benson.....G. W. Cavenaugh.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

D. D. G. C., R. J. Cochrane, Independence Lodge, No. 105, Huntersville.

No. 37, Rathbone, Charlotte.....F. D. Alexander.
No. 38, Monroe, Monroe.....J. E. McCarten.
No. 51, Concord, Concord.....R. L. McConnell.
No. 53, Gastonia, Gastonia.....H. B. Moore.
No. 68, Mount Holly, Mount Holly.....J. W. Holland.
No. 74, Waxhaw, Waxhaw.....F. A. Krauss
No. 77, Matthews, Matthews.....J. A. Stevens.
No. 83, Charlotte, Charlotte.....J. T. Porter.
No. 90, Mecklenburg, Charlotte.....T. W. Dixon.
No. 94, King's Mountain, King's Mountain.....W. P. Fulton.
No. 103, Whetstone, Bessemer.....Edward Pell.
No. 104, Davidson, Davidson.....Rev. A. T. Graham.
No. 105, Independence, Huntersville.....A. H. Barnett.
No. 142, Dilworth, Charlotte.....F. D. Lethco.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

D. D. G. C., J. C. Niemyer, Carolina Lodge, No. 146, Hamlet.

No. 60, Aberdeen, Aberdeen.....J. W. Fagan.
No. 75, Wadesboro, Wadesboro.....W. L. Marshall.
No. 88, Pittsboro, Pittsboro.....Dr. G. R. Pilkington.
No. 95, Rockingham, Rockingham.....George P. Entwistle.
No. 98, Troy, Troy.....Ben. T. Wade.

No. 108, Southern Pines, Southern Pines.....F. H. Weaver.
No. 115, Star, Star.....R. H. Shaw.
No. 139, Carthage, Carthage.....John L. Currie.
No. 144, Mount Gilead, Mount Gilead.....O. C. Bruton.
No. 146 Carolina, Hamlet.....

DISTRICT NO. 7.

D. D. G. C., Whitehead Klutz, Salisbury Lodge, No. 24, Salisbury.

No. 24, Salisbury, Salisbury.....Frank R. Brown.
No. 39, High Point, High Point.....F. J. Horney.
No. 45, Asheboro, Asheboro.....C. A. Pamplin.
No. 71, Lexington, Lexington..... .....G. W. Montcastle.
No. 81, Norwood, Norwood.....Dr. T. A. Haithcock.
No. 100, Rowan, Salisbury.....I. F. West.
No. 102, China Grove, China Grove.....Dr. J. A. Ramseur.
No. 112, Albemarle, Albemarle.....J. M. Harris.
No. 124, Spencer, Spencer.....F. M. Lampkin.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

D. D. G. C., F. H. Vogler, Salem Lodge, No. 56, Salem.

No. 41, Damon, Winston.....R. C. Taylor.
No. 56, Salem, Salem.....W. I. Brooks.
No. 67, North Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro.....Joe Clements.
No. 86, Bethania, Bethania.....Dr. E. F. Strickland.
No. 96, Piedmont, Elkin.....H. D. Transou.
No. 110, Walkertown, Walkertown.....V. M. Seivers.
No. 131, Forsyth, Salem.....G. M. Duvall.
No. 141 Mount Airy, Mount Airy.....A. L. Sparger.
No. 145, Wachovia, Winston-Salem.....R. E. Carmichael.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

D. D. G. C., J. W. Simpson, Rutherfordton Lodge, No. 99, Rutherfordton.

No. 48, Lincolnton, Lincolnton.....H. S. Hyman.
No. 70, Henrietta, Henrietta.....J. F. Whisnant.
No. 82, Forest City, Forest City.....R. E. Biggerstaff.
No. 99, Rutherfordton, Rutherfordton.....Dr. E. B. Harris.
No. 119, Caroleen, Caroleen.....L. G. L. Taylor.
No. 126, Ellenboro, Ellenboro.....O. R. Cofield.
No. 127, Lattimore, Lattimore.....J. B. Lattimore.
No. 133, Cliffside, Cliffside.....Louis Anderson.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

D. D. G. C., Geo. L. Hackney, Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, Asheville.

No. 32, Pisgah, Asheville.....Gustave Alexander.
No. 62, Balsam, Waynesville.....Chas. H. Knight.
No. 106, Asheville, Asheville.....J. W. C. Deake.
No. 114, Columbus, Columbus.....L. H. Cloud.
No. 116, Hendersonville, Hendersonville.....C. E. Brooks.
No. 118, Tryon, Tryon.....E. E. Misseldine.
No. 134, Tuckeseege, Dillsboro.....S. W. Enloe.
No. 143, Transylvania, Brevard.....W. E. Breese, Jr.
No. 147, Estatoe, Micaville.....R. L. Young.
No. 148, Fidelity, Marshall.....W. J. Weaver.
No. 149, Canton, Canton.....F. K. May.
No. 151, Hiawassee, Murphy.....E. B. Norvell.
No. 152, Cheoan, Andrews.....E. E. Simpson.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

D. D. G. C., Z. V. Turlington, Zeb Vance Lodge, No. 65, Mooresvile.

No. 46, Statesville, Statesville.....J. H. Hoffman.
No. 54, Catawba, Hickory.....T. J. Green.
No. 58, Mount Ida, Marion.....E. H. Disart.
No. 64, Burke, Morganton.....J. C. Estes.
No. 65, Zeb Vance, Mooresville.....T. N. Hall.
No. 78, Caldwell, Lenoir.....B. G. Johnston.
No. 120, Newton, Newton.....W. C. Feimster.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

D. D. G. C., J. G. Fowler, Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, Greensboro.

No. 43, Liberty, Liberty.....J. Rom Smith.
No. 49, Reidsville, Reidsville.....R. G. Gladstone, Jr.
No. 63, Ramseur, Ramseur.....J. C. Reece.
No. 69, Guilford, Greensboro.....J. M. Bailey.
No. 80, Greensboro, Greensboro.....A. A. Johnson.
No. 101, Worthville, Worthville.....R. W. Giles.
No. 117, Siler City, Siler City.....J. D. Edwards.
No. 123, Sanford, Sanford.....Vander Liles.

SUPREME LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

OFFICERS.

Supreme Chancellor, Tracy R. Bangs, Grand Forks, N. D.
Supreme Vice Chancellor, Charles E. Shiveley, Richmond, Ind.
Supreme Prelate, George E. Church, Fresno, Cal.
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, R. L. C. White, Nashville, Tenn. Offices: Rooms 43, 44 and 45 Vanderbilt Building.
Supreme Master of Exchequer, Thomas D. Meares, Wilmington, N. C.
Supreme Master at Arms, L. H. Farnsworth, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Supreme Inner Guard, Cyrus W. Hall, Charleston, West Virginia.
Supreme Outer Guard, John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.
President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, C. F. S. Neal, Manhattan Building, Chicago, Ill.
Major General of the Uniform Rank, James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Ind.
Next biennial convention, Louisville, Ky., Tuesday, August 16, 1904.

GRAND DOMAINS.

ALABAMA.

Grand Chancellor, F. P. Nichols, Roanoke.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, G. G. Giles, Montgomery.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Opelika, Tuesday, May 16, 1905.

ARIZONA.

Grand Chancellor, W. D. Monmonier, Pearce.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. D. Loper, Mesa.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Phoenix, Wednesday, April 12, 1905.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Chancellor, J. F. Mayes, Fayetteville.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, B. W. Bartlett, Little Rock.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Little Rock, Tuesday, May 16, 1905.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Grand Chancellor, A. H. Ferguson, New Westminster.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Emil Pferdner, Victoria.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, New Westminster, Tuesday, May 9, 1905.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Chancellor, R. F. Burns, Auburn.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. Schaffner, 6 Eddy St., San Francisco.
Next Convention of Grand Lodge, San Luis Obispo, Monday, May 15, 1905.

COLORADO.

Grand Chancellor, T. R. Ovington, LaFayette.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. S. O'Brien, Denver.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Colorado Springs, Tuesday, August 9, 1904.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Chancellor, W. J. Fuller, 67 Kensington St., New Haven.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. O. Case, 39 Pearl St., Hartford.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Willimantic, Tuesday, October 18, 1904.

DELAWARE.

Grand Chancellor, L. M. Whiteman, Newark.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, M. L. Garrett, 703 King St., Wilmington.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Wilmington, Thursday, October 20, 1904.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Chancellor, T. A. Bynum, 106 1st N. W., Washington.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. J. Gasson, 1807 Fourth St. N. W., Washington.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Washington, Monday, February 20, 1905.

FLORIDA.

Grand Chancellor, G. S. Hallmark, Jacksonville.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. H. Latimer, Tavares.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Tallahassee, Wednesday, March 8, 1905.

GEORGIA.

Grand Chancellor, Joseph A. Jones, Waycross.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. H. Leopold, 319 Waldburg St., Savannah.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Macon, Tuesday, May 16, 1905.

IDAHO.

Grand Chancellor, A. T. Shane, Idaho Falls.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Harte, Cour d'Alene.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Wardner, Tuesday, June 14, 1904.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Chancellor, W. G. Edens, 188 Madison St., Chicago.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. P. Caldwell, 188 Madison St., Chicago.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Peoria, Tuesday, October 18, 1904.

INDIANA.

Grand Chancellor, Merrill E. Wilson, Elkhart.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Harry Wade, Indianapolis.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Indianapolis, Tuesday, October 4, 1904.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Grand Chancellor, M. W. Murray, Poteau.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. L. Sander's Webber's Falls.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Muskogee, Tuesday, May 2, 1905.

IOWA

Grand Chancellor, F. M. Molsberry, Columbus Junction.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. D. Walker, Mt. Pleasant.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Waterloo, Wednesday, August 10, 1904.

KANSAS.

Grand Chancellor, George M. Culver, Concordia.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, G. J. Neubert, Kansas City.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Leavenworth, Tuesday, May 16, 1905.

KENTUCKY.

Grand Chancellor, J. G. Covington, Bowling Green.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. W. Carter, Owensboro.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Franklin, Tuesday, October 25, 1904.

LOUISIANA.

Grand Chancellor, R. J. Alexander, Logansport.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. A. McLean, Box 394, New Orleans.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Jennings, Monday, May 15, 1905.

MAINE.

Grand Chancellor, E. C. Verrill, Portland.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. E. Ricker, 490 1-2 Congress St., Portland.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Portland, Wednesday, May 17, 1905.

MANITOBA.

Grand Chancellor, J. O. Williams, Portage La Prairie.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, George Kamrodt, Box 483, Winnipeg.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Morden, Wednesday, June 8, 1904.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Grand Chancellor, P. H. Fryers, Moncton, N. B.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. C. Henry, Box 282, St. Stephen, N. B.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Moncton, N. B., Tuesday, August 9, 1904.

MARYLAND.

Grand Chancellor, S. H. Tattersall, Baltimore.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, James Whitehouse, Box 517, Baltimore.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Baltimore, Tuesday, April 11, 1905.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Chancellor, J. S. B. Clarke, Fall River.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. A. Cross, 159*a* Tremont St., Boston.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Fall River, Wednesday, April 26, 1905.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Chancellor, W. E. Hampton, Charlevoix.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, M. S. Curtis, Battle Creek.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Jackson, Wednesday, September 20, 1905.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Chancellor, J. L. Cromwell, Duluth.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Fred E. Wheaton, Minneapolis.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Minneapolis, Tuesday, September 27, 1904.

MISSISSIPPI.

Grand Chancellor, E. S. Chandler, Jr., Corinth.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. M. Quin, University.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Jackson, Tuesday, May 9, 1905.

MISSOURI.

Grand Chancellor, G. W. Crowther, St. Joseph.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Holmes, Commercial b'd'g, St. Louis.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Joplin, Tuesday, October 18, 1904.

MONTANA.

Grand Chancellor, J. H. Owings, Deer Lodge.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Jacob Loeb, Helena.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Billings, Tuesday, August 2, 1904.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Chancellor, J. N. Kildow, York.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. H. Love, Lincoln.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Omaha, Tuesday, May 9, 1905.

NEVADA.

Grand Chancellor, O. J. Clifford, Austin.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. B. Stoddard, Virginia City.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Reno, Thursday, June 9, 1904.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Chancellor, G. W. Allen, West Stewartstown.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, E. K. Webster, Pittsfield.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Somersworth, Wednesday, October 5, 1904.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Chancellor, John W. Laws, 647 Newark avenue, Jersey City.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, E. E. Margerum, Trenton.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Trenton, Wednesday, February 15, 1905.

NEW MEXICO.

Grand Chancellor, P. B. Heather, Silver City.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. E. Perry, East Las Vegas.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Las Vegas, Wednesday, September 21, 1904.

NEW YORK.

Grand Chancellor, N. A. Calkins, Coxsackie.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Alonzo Bedell, Haverstraw.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Jamestown, Tuesday, July 27, 1904.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Grand Chancellor, W. F. Robertson, Wilmington.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. T. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Charlotte, Tuesday, June 13, 1905.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Chancellor, F. G. Grambs, Bismarck.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, E. L. Richmond, Minnewaukon.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Bismarck, Tuesday, July 19, 1904.

OHIO.

Grand Chancellor, S. N. McCloud, Marysville.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, William Beatty, Toledo.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Cleveland, Tuesday, June 14, 1904

OKLAHOMA.

Grand Chancellor, J. D. Lydick, Lexington.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. H. Smock, Newkirk.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Guthrie, Tuesday, October 11, 1904.

ONTARIO.

Grand Chancellor, E. A. Horton, St. Thomas.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Alex. Coulter, Box 451, Toronto.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, ———, Tuesday, July 12, 1904.

OREGON.

Grand Chancellor, Emil Waldman, Portland.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, L. R. Stinson, Salem.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Seaside, Tuesday, October 11, 1904.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand Chancellor, Calvin Tomlinson, Newtown, Bucks Co.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, George Hawkes, 925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, York, Tuesday, August 9, 1904.

RHODE ISLAND.

Grand Chancellor, E. P. Whiting, 509 Washington St., Providence.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. A. Wilson, 345 Butler Exchange, Providence.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Providence, Tuesday, February 14, 1905.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Grand Chancellor, J. A. Summersett, Columbia.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. H. Thornwell, Fort Mill.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Beaufort, Tuesday, May 16, 1905.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Chancellor, J. C. Southwick, Watertown.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, F. S. Randolph, Sisseton.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Mitchell, Wednesday, June 1, 1904.

TENNESSEE.

Grand Chancellor, W. A. Owen, Covington.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. D. Fox, Murfreesboro.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Knoxville, Tuesday, May 9, 1905.

TEXAS.

Grand Chancellor, Francis J. Bell, Dallas.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Henry Miller, Wetherford.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Mineral Wells, Tuesday, April 25, 1905.

UTAH.

Grand Chancellor, H. N. Standish, Salt Lake City.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. C. Wardleigh, Ogden.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Salt Lake City, Tuesday, June 21, 1904.

VERMONT.

Grand Chancellor, P. J. Cowles, St. Johnsbury.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. F. O. Tinker, St. Johnsbury.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Burlington, Thursday, September 22, 1904.

VIRGINIA.

Grand Chancellor, V. P. Holt, Hampton.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. M. Darnall, Roanoke.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Norfolk, Tuesday, February 21, 1905.

WASHINGTON.

Grand Chancellor, W. F. Magill, Kalama.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, A. Beamer, Spokane.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Bellingham, Tuesday, May 16, 1905.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Grand Chancellor, Oscar C. Wilt, Salem.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Maner Jenkins, Piedmont.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Clarksburg, Wednesday, October 12, 1904.

WISCONSIN.

Grand Chancellor, G. L. Miner, Richland Center.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, U. S. Burns, Milwaukee.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Milwaukee, Tuesday, June 21, 1904.

WYOMING.

Grand Chancellor, Samuel Dickinson, Hanna.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. S. Greenbaum, Laramie.
Next convention of Grand Lodge, Newcastle, Tuesday, September 27, 1904.

ROSTER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1904--1905.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Name.	Lodge.	Honors Attained.	When.
A. L. Blow	Tar River, No. 93	By Service	1875
W. C. Troy	Cumberland, No. 5	By Service	1876
John Haar	Germania, No. 4	By German D. G. C.	1880
W. T. Hollowell	Ruffin, No. 6	By Service	1885
S. C. White	Center, No. 3	By Service	1887
Nathan O'Berry	Ruffin, No. 6	By Service	1888
T. D. Meares	Stonewall, No. 1	By Service	1889-'90
W. S. Cook	Cumberland, No. 5	By Service	1892
C. D. Benbow	Greensboro, No. 80	By Service	1893
E. A. Ebert	Damon, No. 41	By Service	1894
C. E. Holton	Greensboro, No. 80	By Service	1895
C. A. Webb	Pisgah, No. 32	By Service	1896
W. Catlett	Clarendon, No. 3	By Service	1897
R. H. Rickert	Statesville, No. 46	By Service	1898
T. S. Franklin	Charlotte, No. 37	By Service	1899
W. J. Woodward	Jefferson, No. 61	By Service	1900
G. W. Montcastle	Lexington, No. 71	By Service	1901
L. P. McLoud	Pisgah, No. 32	By Service	1902
J. L. Scott, Jr.	Graham, No. 92	By Service	1903

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

T. S. Franklin.....No. 37.....Charlotte.
R. H. Rickert.....No. 46.....Statesville.

OFFICERS.

Grand Chancellor, W. F. Robertson, Wilmington.
Grand Vice Chancellor, A. S. Barnard, Asheville.
Grand Prelate, Dr. L. A. Bikle, Kings Mountain.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—W. T. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Grand Master of Exchequer—J. C. Mills, Rutherfordton.
Grand Master-at-Arms, A. B. Bynum, Winston-Salem.
Grand Inner Guard, J. M. Boyette, Albemarle.
Grand Outer Guard, McBride Holt, Graham.

GRAND TRIBUNAL.

J. D. McCALL, Charlotte.
C. R. BARKER, Salisbury.
D. J. HILL, Lexington.

COMMITTEES.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

WALKER TAYLOR, Wilmington.
T. H. WEBB, West Durham.
W. C. CRIST, Salem.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

A. E. McCAUSLAND, Charlotte.
H. H. WILSON, Kinston.
SAMUEL KRAMER, Durham.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

J. H. HOFFMAN, Statesville.
W. W. WILLSON, Raleigh.
S. J. CAIN, Asheville.

ORPHAN COMMITTEE.

REV. P. R. LAW, Red Springs.
H. J. OVERMAN, Salisbury.
L. D. ROBINSON, Wadesboro.

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GEORGE C. GOODMAN, Mooresville.
E. W. SMITH, Rocky Mount.
A. E. WHITE, Lumberton.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

N. B. ALEXANDER, Fayetteville.

ROSTER OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Stonewall, No. 1.—Wilmington, New Hanover County.

Meets on Monday night.
W. C. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Clarendon, No. 2.—Wilmington, New Hanover County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. F. Littleton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Centre, No. 3.—Raleigh, Wake County.

Meets on Monday night.
W. W. Willson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Germania, No. 4.—Wilmington, New Hanover County.

Meets on Thursday night.
John Haar, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Cumberland, No. 5.—Fayetteville, Cumberland County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
W. C. Holland, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Ruffin, No. 6—Goldsboro, Wayne County.

Meets on Friday night.
John H. Hill, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Athenia, No. 8.—New Bern, Craven County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. H. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Salisbury, No. 24.—Salisbury, Rowan County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
P. H. Meroney, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Scotland, No. 27.—Laurinburg, Scotland County.

Meets on Wednesday night.
W. H. McLaurin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Durham, No. 31.—Durham, Durham County.

Meets on Thursday night.
E. C. Piper, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Pisgah, No. 32.—Asheville, Buncombe County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
B. M. Jones, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Maxton, No. 33.—Maxton, Robeson County.

Meets on Monday night.
D. A. Patterson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lumberton, No. 35.—Lumberton, Robeson County.

Meets on Friday night.
C. B. Skipper, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Rathbone, No. 37.—Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on Thursday night.
A. E. McCausland, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Monroe, No. 38.—Monroe, Union County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
C. A. Simpson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

High Point, No. 39—High Point, Guilford County.

Meets on Thursday night.
J. W. Wilborn, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Welcome, No. 40.—Tarboro, Edgecombe County.

Meets on Thursday night.
W. O. Howard, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Damon, No. 41.—Winston, Forsyth County.

Meets on Thursday night.
S. G. Anderson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Liberty, No. 43.—Liberty, Randolph County.

Meets on Saturday night.
G. R. Ellis, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Asheboro, No. 45—Asheboro, Randolph County.

Meets on Monday night.
C. H. Rush, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Statesville, No. 46.—Statesville, Iredell County.

Meets on Thursday night.
P. C. Gray, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lincolnton, No. 48—Lincolnton, Lincoln County.

Meets on Thursday night.
S. W. McKee, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Reidsville, No. 49—Reidsville, Rockingham County.

Meets on Monday night.
F. L. Ford, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Burlington, No. 50—Burlington, Alamance County.

Meets on Thursday night.
A. Cheek, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Concord, No. 51—Concord, Cabarrus County.

Meets on Friday night.
F. B. Emery, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Gastonia, No. 53.—Gastonia, Gaston County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. W. Kirkpatrick, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Catawba, No. 54—Hickory, Catawba County.

Meets on Thursday night.
G. W. Hall, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Rowland, No. 55—Rowland, Robeson County.

Meets on Thursday night.
Milton Lytch, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Salem, No. 56—Salem, Forsyth County.

Meets on Monday night.
H. S. Foy, Jr., Keeper of Records and Seal.

Mount Ida, No. 58—Marion, McDowall County.

Meets on Thursday night.
J. H. Tate, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Aberdeen, No. 60—Aberdeen, Moore County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. W. Fagan, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Jefferson, No. 61—Wilmington, New Hanover County.

Meets on Wednesday night.
Anson Alligood, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Balsam, No. 62—Waynesville, Haywood County.

Meets on first and third Tuesday nights.
Jerry Davis, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Ramseur, No. 63—Ramseur, Randolph County.

Meets on Second Tuesday and fourth Saturday nights.
J. C. Reece, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Burke, No. 64—Morganton, Burke County.

Meets on second and fourth Monday nights.
J. C. Estes, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Zeb Vance, No. 65—Mooresville, Iredell County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. F. Brawley, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Kinston, No. 66—Kinston Lenoir County.

Meets on Thursday night.
L. J. Mewborne, Keeper of Records and Seal.

North Wilkesboro, No. 67—North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. H. Forester, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Mount Holly, No. 68—Mount Holly, Gaston County.

Meets on first and third Friday nights.
E. C. Boyette, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Guilford, No. 69—Greensboro, Guilford County.

Meets on Friday night.
A. J. Williams, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Henrietta, No. 70—Henrietta, Rutherford County.

Meets on Friday night.
J. W. Daniel, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lexington, No. 71—Lexington, Davidson County.

Meets on Wednesday night.
S. L. Owen, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Excelsior, No. 72—Louisburg, Franklin County.

Meets on Monday night.
F. H. Allen, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Pamlico, No. 73—Washington, Beaufort County.

Meets on Thursday night.
A Mayo, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Waxhaw, No. 74—Waxhaw, Union County.

Meets on Second and fourth Tuesday nights.
W. R. Steele, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Wadesboro, No. 75—Wadesboro, Anson County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
W. A. Lucas, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Matthews, No. 77—Matthews, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on second and fourth Tuesday nights.
J. A. Stevens; Keeper of Records and Seal.

Caldwell, No. 78—Lenoir, Caldwell County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
D. F. Clark, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Greensboro, No. 80—Greensboro, Guilford County.

Meets on Monday night.
C. McLean, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Norwood, No. 81—Norwood, Stanley County.

Meets on Thursday night.
L. C. Blalock, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Forest City, No. 82—Forest City, Rutherford County.

Meets on Monday night.
C. R. Simmons, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Charlotte, No. 83—Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
W. G. Lake, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Rocky Mount, No. 84—Rocky Mount, Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

Meets on Monday night.
E. W. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Henderson, No. 85—Henderson, Vance County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. A. Moore, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Bethania, No. 86—Bethania, Forsyth County.

Meets on Saturday night.
R. E. Transou, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Contentnea, No. 87—Wilson, Wilson County.

Meets on Thursday night.
W. A. Lucas, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Pittsboro, No. 88—Pittsboro, Chatham County.

Meets on first and third Thursday nights.
F. C. Williams, Keeper ot Records and Seal.

Mecklenburg, No. 90—Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on Friday night.
T. W. Dixon, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Red Springs, No. 91—Red Springs, Robeson County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
W. A. Jones, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Graham, No. 92—Graham, Alamance County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
Robert L. Homes, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Tar River, No. 93—Greenville, Pitt County.

Meets on Friday night.
T. M. Hooker, Keeper of Records and Seal.

King's Mountain, No. 94—King's Mountain, Cleveland County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. T. Weir, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Rockingham, No. 95—Rockingham, Richmond County.

Meets on Thursday night.
G. P. Entwistle, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Piedmont, No. 96—Elkin, Surry County.

Meets on Thursday night.
J. F. Hendren, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Chapel Hill, No. 97—Chapel Hill, Orange County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
T. W. Mann, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Troy, No. 98—Troy, Montgomery County.

Meets on Monday night.
H. C. Daniel, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Rutherfordton, No. 99—Rutherfordton, Rutherford County.

Meets on Friday night.
W. F. Rucker, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Rowan, No. 100—Salisbury, Rowan County.

Meets on Thursday night.
J. C. Foutze, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Worthville, No. 101—Worthville, Randolph County.

Meets on Friday night.
E. C. Williamson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Ghina Grove, No. 102—China Grove, Rowan County.

Meets on Thursday night.
J. L. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Whetstone, No. 103—Bessemer City, Gaston County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. J. Ormond, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Davidson, No. 104—Davidson, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. L. Miller, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Independence, No. 105—Huntersville, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on Monday night.
W. S. Caldwell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Asheville, No. 106—Asheville, Buncombe County.

Meets on Friday night.
F. L. Hunt, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Raeford, No. 107—Raeford, Cumberland County.

Meets on first and third Friday nights.
W. E. Freeman, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Southern Pines, No. 108—Southern Pines, Moore County.

Meets on Friday night.
R. L. Geyer, Keeper of Records and Seal.

East Durham, No. 109—East Durham, Durham County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. W. Cameron, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Walkertown, No. 110—Walkertown, Forsyth County.

Meets on Monday night.
M. B. Meecum, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Myrtle, No. 111—Hillsboro, Orange County.

Meets on first and third Monday nights.
C. M. Hughes, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Albemarle, No. 112—Albemarle, Stanley County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
H. F. Pemberton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Columbus, No. 114—Columbus, Polk County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. P. Arledge, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Star, No. 115—Star, Montgomery County.

Meets on Thursday night.
R. H. Shaw, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Hendersonville, No. 116—Hendersonville, Henderson County.

Meets on Monday night.
M. L. Shippman, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Siler City, No. 117—Siler City, Chatham County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. D. Edwards, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Tryon, No. 118—Tryon, Polk County.

Meets on Thursday night.
E. E. Misseldine, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Caroleen, No. 119—Caroleen, Rutherford County.

Meets on Monday night.
A. B. Holland, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Newton, No. 120—Newton, Catawba County.

Meets on second and fourth Thursday nights.
R. E. Clapp, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Clarkton, No. 121—Clarkton, Bladen County.

Meets on Thursday night.
R. C. Deal, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Elizabeth City, No. 122—Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County.

Meets on Wednesday night.
F. L. Garrett, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Sanford, No. 123—Sanford, Moore County.

Meets on Thursday night.
A. P. King, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Spencer, No. 124—Spencer, Rowan County.

Meets on Thursday night.
Festus Hargrove, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Neuse, No. 125—Smithfield, Johnston County.

Meets on Friday night.
Z. L. LeMay, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Ellenboro, No. 126—Ellenboro, Rutherford County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
A. S. Harrell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lattimore, No. 127—Lattimore, ——— County.

Meets on Saturday night.
W. F. Lattimore, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Fremont, No. 128—Fremont, Wayne County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. B. Hooks, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Roanoke, No. 129—Plymouth, Washington County.

Meets on Monday night.
W. M. Bateman, Keeper of Records and Seal.

West Durham, No. 130—West Durham, Durham County.

Meets on Friday night.
L. E. Pickard, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Forsyth, No. 131—Winston-Salem, Forsyth County.

Meets on Friday night.
T. A. Sparrow, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Mount Olive, No. 132—Mount Olive, Wayne County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
O. C. Blackley, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Cliffside, No. 133—Cliffside, Rutherford County.

Meets on Thursday night.
L. E. Anderson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Tuckaseegee, No. 134—Dillsboro, Jackson County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
C. M. Dills, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Chadbourn, No. 135—Chadbourn, Columbus County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
J. J. Withers, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Cape Fear, No. 136—Dunn, Harnett County.

Meets on Monday night.
T. V. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Clayton, No. 137—Clayton, Johnston County.

Meets on Monday night.
R. L. Parkinson, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Whiteville, No. 138—Whiteville, Columbus County.

Meets on Monday night.
R. C. Powell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Carthage, No. 139—Carthage, Moore County.

Meets on Friday night.
C. F. Jenkins, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Benson, No. 140—Benson, Johnston County.

Meets on Monday night.
J. L. Hall, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Mount Airy, No. 141—Mount Airy, Surry County.

Meets on Thursday night.
J. P. Ashley, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Dillworth, No. 142—Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Meets on Monday night.
S. S. Stokes, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Transylvania, No. 143—Brevard, Transylvania County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
W. E. Aiken, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Mt. Gilead, No. 144—Mt. Gilead, Montgomery County.

Meets on Tuesday night.
R. B. Scarboro, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Wachovia, No. 145—Winston-Salem, Forsyth County.

Meets on Monday night.
R. L. Grubbs, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Carolina, No. 146—Hamlet, Richmond County.

Meets on ——— night.
J. B. Goodwin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Estatoe, No. 147—Micaville ——— County.

Meets on ——— night.
W. D. Kauffman, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Fidelity, No. 148—Marshall ——— County.

Meets on ——— night.
J. R. Hess, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Canton, No. 149—Canton, Haywood County.

Meets on ——— night.
C. V. Hampton, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Robert Jordan, No. 150—Roxboro, Person County.

Meets on ——— night.
T. E. Austin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Hiawassee, No. 151—Murphy, Cherokee County.

Meets on ——— night.
M. W. Bell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Cheoah, No. 152—Andrews, ——— County.

Meets on ——— night.
D. S. Russell, Keeper of Records and Seal.

In Memoriam.

"Think that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no noble action done."

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set; but all
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death."

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR

LAWRENCE P. McLOUD,

OF

PISGAH LODGE, No. 32.

Dedicated to the Memory of Past Chancellors and Knights.

Lodge No. 1—J. W. Zimmerman, J. M. McGowan, B. F. White.
Lodge No. 2—G. T. Bland.
Lodge No. 3—R. L. Prempert.
Lodge No. 4—E. Rehder, J. F. Stolte.
Lodge No. 5—James B. Smith, D. M. Bain, A. Garrison.
Lodge No. 6—D. S. Harmon.
Lodge No. 8—K. R. Jones.
Lodge No. 24—B. G Hall.
Lodge No. 31—R. C. Patterson.
Lodge No. 32—W. A. Blair, L. P. McLoud, D. G. Moore.
Lodge No. 35—T. A. Norment, Sr.
Lodge No. 39—S. P. Hill.
Lodge No. 41—Philip Hanes, J. W. Hanes, Samuel Brewer.
Lodge No. 46—H. C. Parks.
Lodge No. 48—W. W. McCutchen.
Lodge No. 54—A. S. Ellison.
Lodge No. 56—S. A. Pfohl, R. M. McArthur.
Lodge No. 62—James M. Moody.
Lodge No. 65—R. M. Johnston.
Lodge No. 66—C. F. Hoell.
Lodge No. 70—P. D. McDaniel.
Lodge No. 72—M. H. Aycock.
Lodge No. 74—L. H. Creekmore.
Lodge No. 77—T. A. Hooks.
Lodge No. 80—J. H. Harris.
Lodge No. 84—W. H. Van Hook.
Lodge No. 90—W. P. Knowles, R. L. Brinkley.
Lodge No. 91—J. W. Wallace.
Lodge No. 106—J. McD. Whitson.
Lodge No. 109—O. T. Hamlet.
Lodge No. 114—A. E. Jones.
Lodge No. 116—A. J. Jones.
Lodge No. 124—C. R. Kinney.
Lodge No. 134—D. A. Boyd.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in Charlotte on the second Tuesday in June, 1905, at eight o'clock P. M., P. P. XLII.

The fiscal year closes on April 30th. All accounts should be closed up before that date in order to appear in the reports to the Grand Lodge.

Special care should be taken by the Deputy Grand Chancellors to see that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is furnished with the semi-annual reports of the term ending in December immediately in order to allow time for the compilation of such statistics as should be presented in his report to the Supreme Lodge.

Each Deputy Grand Chancellor must forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal his official receipt for dues on or before the first day of June and December of each year, showing himself to be in good standing in his Lodge. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will then forward the password for the ensuing term.

In order to prevent delay in correspondence the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal should be notified promptly of any change in the officers of Subordinate Lodges or their address, especially of the Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lodges submitting By-Laws (or amendments thereto) should forward the copy direct to the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

Any information in connection with the order will be cheerfully furnished on application to the Grand Chancellor or Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, personally or otherwise.

W. T. HOLLOWELL,
G. K. of R. and S., Goldsboro, North Carolina.

APPENDIX A.

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Charlotte, N. C., May 3, 1904.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North Carolina:

With an usual degree of pleasure, I herewith hand you my report for term ending June 15th. The honor conferred upon me last June has been deeply appreciated, and upon entering into the discharge of the duties assigned me, I indeed felt the great responsibility resting upon me, and knowing the rapid growth the Order had made under the leadership of my predecessor, I accepted the office with a full realization of the work before me, but knowing the noble brethren over the Domain, and knowing also that I would only have to sound the "bugle call," I felt that we could and would make this a notable year in Pythian circles. In this I have not been disappointed. With the hearty co-operation of the membership, I am pleased to report a most healthy condition of affairs. I have missed greatly the services of our Grand Lecturer, but I am indebted to a number of our enthusiastic members for great and valuable assistance in making official visits and conducting a "School of Instruction" in each Lodge thus visited, thereby making the work in this department of our Order more efficient. There is also a decided interest manifested throughout the Domain to confer the ranks without the use of the Ritual, which is very gratifying to me, and I am sure it is to every member throughout our bounds. There is also an increased interest in reference to improvements in our Castle halls, and many Lodges have made excellent and permanent improvements in this direction.

I will ask that you note the large list of "reinstatements" and the small list of "suspensions," and you will readily see the healthy condition throughout the Domain. I have made an especial effort to reduce our suspensions to the minimum, and while our loss was greater than we had hoped for, yet we are pleased to note the decrease from this source. At the beginning of my term I wanted to arouse as much activity as possible in each Lodge along the line of securing "reinstatements," consequently I issued a letter, in which I proposed to give to the Lodge making the largest percentage of gain from "reinstatements" and depositing "withdrawal" and "Grand Lodge cards," a handsome gavel, with the name and number of the Lodge, and the date of institution inscribed thereon, and the large numbers gained in this way is indeed most gratifying.

My first official act was to re-district the Domain. The rapid

growth of the Order made it necessary to create two (2) additional districts, consequently I arranged them as follows, together with District Deputy Grand Chancellor for each district, and Deputy Grand Chancellor for each Lodge:

DISTRICT No. 1.

D. D. G. C., J. F. Littleton, Jefferson Lodge, No. 2, Wilmington.

No. 1. Stonewall, Wilmington—John R. Hamby.
No. 2. Clarendon, Wilmington—W. C. Von Glahn.
No. 4. Germania, Wilmington—J. Duls.
No. 61. Jefferson, Wilmington—Anson Alligood.
No. 121. Clarkton, Clarkton—Dr. L. B. Evans.
No. 135. Chadbourn, Chadbourn—A. Gonser.
No. 138. Whiteville, Whiteville—H. B. Maxwell.

DISTRICT No. 2.

D. D. G. C., Dr. John C. Rodman, Pamlico Lodge, No. 73, Washington.

No. 6. Ruffin, Goldsboro—J. J. Robinson.
No. 8. Athenia, New Bern—A. J. Gaskins.
No. 40. Welcome, Tarboro—R. E. L. Cook.
No. 66. Kinston, Kinston—L. J. Mewborne.
No. 73. Pamlico, Washington—F. A. Kugler.
No. 84. Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount—W. A. Chevasse.
No. 87. Contentnea, Wilson—Dr. C. A. Thompson.
No. 93. Tar River, Greenville—Dr. E. A. Moye.
No. 122. Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City—W. W. Mann.
No. 128. Fremont, Fremont—J. L. Hare.
No. 129. Roanoke, Plymouth—Clarence Latham.
No. 132. Mount Olive, Mount Olive—W. F. Patten.

DISTRICT No. 3.

D. D. G. C., J. D. Pridgen, Durham Lodge, No. 31, Durham.

No. 3. Centre, Raleigh—C. H. Beine.
No. 31. Durham, Durham—W. M. Yearby.
No. 50. Burlington, Burlington—Dr. R. M. Morrow.
No. 72. Louisburg, Louisburg—J. J. Barrow.
No. 85. Henderson, Henderson—Dr. F. R. Harris.
No. 92. Graham, Graham—McBride Holt.
No. 97. Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill—E. S. Merritt.
No. 109. East Durham, East Durham—J. W. Holder.
No. 111. Myrtle, Cedar Grove—Dr. Claude N. Hughes.
No. 130. West Durham, West Durham—E. K. Powe.
No. 137. Clayton, Clayton—R. F. Williams.

DISTRICT No. 4.

D. D. G. C., W. C. Holland, Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, Fayetteville.

No. 5. Cumberland, Fayetteville—R. G. Haigh.
No. 27. Scotland, Laurinburg—W. H. McLaurin.
No. 33. Maxton, Maxton—D. A. Patterson.
No. 35. Lumberton, Lumberton—A. E. White.
No. 55. Rowland, Rowland—Dr. Howard Reedy.
No. 91. Red Springs, Red Springs—J. S. Jones.
No. 107. Raeford, Raeford—J. W. Johnson.
No. 125. Neuse, Smithfield—William R. Long.
No. 136. Cape Fear, Dunn—I. T. Wallace.
No. 140. Benson, Benson—G. W. Cavenaugh.

DISTRICT No. 5.

D. D. G. C., R. J. Cochrane, Independence Lodge, No. 105, Huntersville.

No. 37. Rathbone, Charlotte—J. G. Baird.
No. 38. Monroe, Monroe—J. E. McCarten.
No. 51. Concord, Concord—R. L. McConnell.
No. 53. Gastonia, Gastonia—H. B. Moore.
No. 68. Mount Holly, Mount Holly—Dr. E. C. Boyette.
No. 74. Waxhaw, Waxhaw—F. A. Krauss.
No. 77. Matthews, Matthews—J. A. Stevens.
No. 83. Charlotte, Charlotte—J. T. Porter.
No. 89. Pineville, Pineville—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle.
No. 90. Mecklenburg, Charlotte—N. C. White.
No. 94. King's Mountain, King's Mountain—Dr. L. A. Bikle.
No. 103. Whetstone, Bessemer—Edward Pell.
No. 104. Davidson, Davidson—Rev. A. T. Graham.
No. 105. Independence, Huntersville—A. H. Barnett.
No. 142. Dilworth, Charlotte—C. F. Alexander.

DISTRICT No. 6.

D. D. G. C., A. H. London, Pittsboro Lodge, No. 88, Pittsboro.

No. 60. Aberdeen, Aberdeen—J. W. Fagan.
No. 75. Wadesboro, Wadesboro—W. L. Marshall.
No. 88. Pittsboro, Pittsboro—Dr. G. R. Pilkington.
No. 95. Rockingham, Rockingham—George P. Entwistle.
No. 98. Troy, Troy—Benjamin T. Wade.
No. 108. Southern Pines, Southern Pines—F. H. Weaver.
No. 115. Star, Star—Z. T. Wright.
No. 139. Carthage, Carthage—John L. Currie.

DISTRICT No. 7.

D. D. G. C., John W. Wilborn, High Point Lodge, No. 39, High Point.

No. 24. Salisbury, Salisbury—J. P. Weber.

No. 39. High Point, High Point—F. J. Hornby.
No. 45. Asheboro, Asheboro—C. A. Pamplin.
No. 71. Lexington, Lexington—George W. Montcastle.
No. 81. Norwood, Norwood—Dr. T. A. Haithcock.
No. 100. Rowan, Salisbury—George T. Seyffert.
No. 102. China Grove, China Grove—H. C. Lentz.
No. 112. Albemarle, Albemarle—H. S. Freeman.
No. 124. Spencer, Spencer—J. S. Bryan.

DISTRICT No. 8.

D. D. G. C., W. C. Crist, Salem Lodge, No. 56, Winston-Salem.
No. 41. Damon, Winston-Salem—R. C. Taylor.
No. 56. Salem, Winston-Salem—J. F. Crouse.
No. 67. North Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro—Joe Clements.
No. 86. Bethania, Bethania—R. E. Transau.
No. 96. Piedmont, Elkin—A. G. Click.
No. 110. Walkertown, Walkertown—M. B. Mecum.
No. 131. Forsyth, Winston-Salem—C. F. Sapp.
No. 141. Mount Airy, Mount Airy—A. L. Sparger.

DISTRICT No. 9.

D. D. G. C., J. W. Simpson, Rutherfordton Lodge, No. 99, Rutherfordton.
No. 42. Shelby, Shelby—S. E. Gidney.
No. 48. Lincolnton, Lincolnton—H. S. Hyman.
No. 70. Henrietta, Henrietta—Dr. J. F. Whisnant.
No. 82. Forest City, Forest City—R. E. Biggerstaff.
No. 99. Rutherfordton, Rutherfordton—Dr. E. B. Harris.
No. 119. Caroleen, Caroleen—P. C. Hawkins.
No. 126. Ellenboro, Ellenboro—A. S. Harrell.
No. 127. Lattimore, Lattimore—J. B. Lattimore.
No. 133. Cliffside, Cliffside—Louis Anderson.

DISTRICT No. 10.

D. D. G. C., George L. Hackney, Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, Asheville.
No. 32. Pisgah, Asheville—Gustave Alexander.
No. 62. Balsam, Waynesville—C. H. Knight.
No. 106. Asheville, Asheville—J. W. C. Deake.
No. 114. Columbus, Columbus—L. H. Cloud.
No. 116. Hendersonville, Hendersonville—C. E. Brooks.
No. 118. Tryon, Tryon—Dr. E. E. Misseldine.
No. 134. Tuckaseege, Dillsboro—Dr. S. H. McNeely.

DISTRICT No. 11.

D. D. G. C., J. C. Estes, Burke Lodge, No. 64, Morganton.
No. 46. Statesville, Statesville—J. H. Hoffman.

No. 54. Catawba, Hickory—C. M. Shuford.
No. 58. Mount Ida, Marion—W. W. Cooper.
No. 64. Burke, Morganton—T. G. Cobb.
No. 65. Zeb Vance, Mooresville—Z. V. Turlington.
No. 78. Caldwell, Lenoir—B. G. Johnston.
No. 120. Newton, Newton—W. C. Feimster.

DISTRICT No. 12.

D. D. G. C., J. G. Fowler, Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, Greensboro.
No. 43. Liberty, Liberty—J. Rom Smith.
No. 49. Reidsville, Reidsville—R. G. Gladstone.
No. 63. Ramseur, Ramseur—J. C. Reece.
No. 69. Guilford, Greensboro—J. M. Bailey.
No. 80. Greensboro, Greensboro—J. N. Longest.
No. 101. Worthville, Worthville—R. W. Giles.
No. 117. Siler City, Siler City—W. D. Siler.
No. 123. Sanford, Sanford—D. E. McIver.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

When the Grand Lodge adopted the district meetings throughout the Domain, a few years ago, they took a step in the right direction, and to-day there is no more important factor in scope of Pythian efforts than these meetings, and I urge that they be continued. I herewith give you report of each one held. Every district has been greatly benefited, and those who absent themselves from them are the losers.

THE FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.

Whiteville, N. C., December 8th, 1903.

The K. of P. meeting here to-night was an immense success—a great credit to District Deputy Grand Chancellor John F. Littleton, who arranged it, and the twenty-five hospitable Pythians of Whiteville, who made possible such a glorious fruition of the efforts of the District Deputy. The meeting was held in the court-house, and upwards of 200 people were in attendance, the Lodges at Chadbourn and Clarkton being well represented. The delegation from Wilmington was, of course, the largest, all the four Lodges being about equal in attendance.

Every member of the enthusiastic Whiteville Lodge was a member of the Reception Committee. The special train from Wilmington—bringing eighty Pythians—was met at the depot with carriages, wagonettes and other vehicles, and the visitors were quickly transported to the hall, where there was a cordial exchange of greetings and a renewal of friendships. Preliminaries having been gone through with, the guests were invited to an enclosed apartment of

the room, where an elegant ovation was enjoyed. The menu was tempting, consisting of all the substantials and delicacies of the season. The Whiteville Knights were most hospitable in their attentions, and all were delighted with the repast, especially those who left Wilmington before the hour for the evening meal.

In half an hour District Deputy Littleton called the Knights from refreshments to business, and the district meeting was duly organized with the following officers at their respective stations:

Chancellor Commander—Homer Lyon, Whiteville.
Vice-Chancellor—R. S. Collins, Wilmington.
Prelate—C. D. Yarborough, Wilmington.
Master-at-Arms—W. P. McGlaughon, Wilmington.
Master of Work—Dr. L. B. Evans, Clarkton.
Inner Guard—C. D. Koonce, Whiteville.
Outer Guard—George Sloan, Wilmington.

The opening formalities over, District Deputy Littleton announced that a select team from Stonewall, Clarendon and Jefferson Lodges, of Wilmington, had come prepared to exemplify the work of the second and third ranks. The team was soon ready and, until the wee small hours, the secret work of the Order was given.

There were two candidates for the third rank—Donald McRackan, Esq., of Whiteville, and Prof. McBray, of Chadbourn. There was also one candidate for the second rank—Mr. J. L. Patterson, of Whiteville. The team work was excellent, and that portion of the informal address by Grand Vice-Chancellor Robertson, Capt. W. F. Corbett, C. R. Kriner, J. D. Nutt, J. H. Currie, C. D. Koonce and others. The train left Whiteville at 1 o'clock and arrived in Wilmington a few minutes after 2 o'clock, and consisted of two handsome new Atlantic Coast Line passenger coaches and engine No. 63, with Engineer Lum Weathers at the throttle, and the popular "Bob" Branch as conductor. It was a merry, jolly crowd, and a red-letter day for the Pythians of the First District.

Brother J. R. Hamby deserves especial praise for his part in making a great success of the affair. He was in charge of the transportation and added much to the excellent manner in which the train was handled.

ONE PRESENT.

THE GREAT MEETING OF THE FIFTH.

In obedience to the order of District Deputy Grand Chancellor Cochran, a goodly number of the faithful gathered at the Seaboard Air Line depot, in Charlotte, on the morning of January 19th, en route to Monroe, to attend the district meeting. For awhile it seemed that we would not get any further than the waiting-room, but after two hours' delay the old Seaboard train commenced creeping away towards Monroe. From the number of stops that were

made in the dead country, it seems certain that the engineer must have sent the fireman ahead to inspect every time he saw a cross-tie that looked at all weak. As a result the train averaged about six miles an hour the entire trip.

But a slow, jerking freight has but little effect upon the spirits of a jolly crowd of Pythians out for a frolic. All the topics of conversation known to men were discussed while we were going to Monroe. At length, when things were growing a trifle dull, a bright idea struck Frank McNinch, and he loudly proclaimed his devotion to the cause of temperance in our "Queen City". He was immediately assailed by a travelling man, who is a strenuous advocate of the wide-open town. Everybody joined in and the debate was vigorous, and at times violent, for the rest of the journey.

The prosperous and progressive city of Monroe was reached just in time for dinner, and the crowd scattered to fortify themselves for what was before them. About 3:30 the visitors began to saunter into the handsome quarters of the local Lodge. Most of them were smoking cigars, for the cigar is omnipresent at any gathering of American men. All were laughing and enjoying each other in a way that made one feel good it was to be a Pythian.

On account of the extreme slowness of the train from Charlotte, the morning and afternoon sessions had to be united. The meeting was called to order by that most enthusiastic and efficient officer, District Deputy Grand Chancellor R. J. Cochran. T. L. Caudle, Esq , of Wadesboro, was the first speaker, his subject being "Pythian Beneficence." Brother Caudle is a speaker of unusual ability, having a fine voice and forceful, easy delivery. His treatment of the subject was masterful. Pythian beneficence, he declared to be as broad as the universe, and formed upon that great principle of fraternal human sympathy, a spark of which is to be found in every human breast.

The next speaker was Rev. W. A. Gillon, of Concord, a man whose face at once bespoke the scholar and the divine. He showed up, in a simple, clear way, how Pythianism had its origin. The most important topic, perhaps, of all that was to be discussed was left without an advocate, so the presiding officer called for volunteers. Among those who responded was that well-informed and active member of old Rathbone, Brother A. E. McCausland.

Professor J. G. Baird, Rathbone No. 37, presented the claims of the "Carolina Pythian", a paper which certainly deserves the support of all "Carolina Pythians". A motion to adjourn, coupled with a promise of something better to follow, was made and carried.

Ladies' Social Session.

It really seemed as if the good people of Monroe could not do enough for our pleasure. From 5 to 7 we were entertained in social

session by the ladies. And, My! hasn't Monroe a lot of pretty girls? That was the remark that was being made on all sides of the writer during the evening, and one in which he most heartily joined. Music selections from the masters were rendered by Misses Atkinson, Crowell and Long. These young ladies showed themselves masters in their work.

A recitation by Miss Blakeney, entitled "Hagar," made one understand how much like "thirty cents" old Father Abraham must have felt when he sent away his handmaiden into the wilderness.

R. W. Lemmond, Esq., delivered an appropriate address of welcome. The pleasant duty of responding to this was jointly assigned Messrs. McNinch and Caudle. Mr. McNinch is always a pleasant and effective speaker, but many of his admirers who were present thought that he excelled himself on this occasion. Mr. Caudle, being a native product of Monroe and knowing old Union County like his own back-yard, convulsed the audience with his wise hits.

Delightful refreshments were then served.

Night Session.

After the crowd had recovered from the festivities of the afternoon and gotten itself together, short speeches were made upon several topics.

Some impressions of Pythianism were given by Rev. George H. Atkinson, of Monroe, who, by the way, promises to be a wheel-horse in the K. of P's., as he is in everything else he undertakes. E. R. Preston, Esq., of Charlotte, called attention to some of the duties imposed by the obligation.

A temperance speech that was a rouser was then delivered by F. R. McNinch, who called attention to the fact that temperance was one of our cardinal principles.

The Grand Chancellor made one of his characteristic speeches—vigorous, enthusiastic, practical.

But best of all was a genuine old experience meeting, in which man after man testified to the real benefit the Order had been to him.

Rev. Mr. Gillon proposed a graceful resolution of thanks to the members of Monroe Lodge, and to the ladies, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Banquet.

My! What a banquet they gave us! Looking back upon the affair, it seems almost an ideal. All the things a man liked to eat, well cooked, well served and plenty of it. Brother Kennedy, of Gastonia, and your scribe ate at least a quart of fried oysters—but such details should not be entered into, and besides, we both swore to secrecy in the matter.

Brother Atkinson made a very graceful toastmaster; and, then, there was Ezell, and his immortal "IT". He is a genuine wit, this man with his "IT". Why he is funny it is hard to say, but that he is the genuine shouts of laughter that greeted his sallies most clearly proved.

Notes.

The keynote of the meeting was temperance. The delegates present seemed to be unanimous in their anti-liquor views; there was no wrangling; no one seemed to be trying to rule the other regardless of their wishes in the matter, as is often the case at such gatherings.

There was one joke that was dwelt upon a trifle too much, perhaps, and that was the extraordinary capacity of the Grand Chancellor for taking on good suppers; but he bore it all like the royal fellow he is.

The last words of this article should be devoted to the members of Monroe Lodge and the genuine old-fashioned hospitality which they so generously extended to us. May our Order there live long and prosper. E. R. P.

THE OLD RELIABLE FOURTH.

The Pythians of the Fourth District held their meeting in the historic old town of Fayetteville the 20th day of January. It will not be forgotten. The number in assemblage was not large, but it is not always the greatest numbers that do the most good, or snatch the widest enjoyment, as time bears all away. Five of the ten Lodges were not represented. The reason for the absence of the others was not given. Perhaps the badly-deranged running of the trains that day had something to do with it. Cumberland, the local Lodge, was represented, and represented fully, and got much enjoyment out of the meeting. Scotland Lodge was represented by W. H. McLaurin and F. L. Bundy; Red Springs by L. M. Cook, R. B. Branch, W. A. Jones, B. G. Sanderlin and Rev. P. R. Law; Raeford by A. W. Johnston, J. W. Chisholm, A. Auman; Dunn by W. H. Royal and T. B. Smith; Benson, Rowland, Maxton, Smithfield and Lumberton had no representative.

Among the visiting brothers were: Grand Chancellor William M. Lyles, Charlotte; Grand Vice-Chancellor William F. Robertson, Col. Walker Taylor, W. F. Corbett, M. E. Miers, W. B. Ezell, E. Livingston and M. A. Whisnant.

The Grand Chancellor was happily introduced by Past Grand Chancellor Cook, and made an address which elicited warm applause. After a felicitous exordium he said in part: He came not so much to make a speech as to talk, and thereby lay before the convention the work and progress of the Order in the Domain. Success

had crowned the activities of the Pythians, and the Order was flourishing almost everywhere in the State. Four new Lodges had been instituted to date. Several charter blanks are now out, and he is expecting to hear from them daily. This has been done despite his faithful adherence to the policy he had mapped out and proclaimed at his inauguration, to bend his energies not so much in the direction of organizing new Lodges as in the line of strengthening and enlarging old ones by the reinstatement of suspended members and otherwise. In this work a great revolution had been wrought in the Subordinate Lodges. The importance of this work was dwelt upon at length and emphasized with great earnestness. From June to December the net gain in membership in the Domain had been more than five hundred. Only one charter had been taken up. He told in ringing words that the underlying principles of the great organization—Friendship, Charity, Benevolence—left no room for surprise or wonder that the guild should be so popular and prosperous over the world. The past was prophetic of the future, and far larger achievements are yet to come. It is in a peculiar and fascinating sense a young man's Order. Its snap and dash in every-day life and amid exigencies that affect great and dire suffering, show it to be what it is—a modern institution.

It is a protection and shield to the young man, as well as a source of congeniality and enjoyment to his bouyancy and budding life. It stands distinctly for sobriety and is, therefore, a refuge from the abounding temptations of the times to intemperance.

But it stands, he said with fervor, for all the virtues that lift up the young and leads to the highest type of manhood. He had found nowhere, in the wide range of travel that had fallen to him in other Domains, as well as this, a single Knight who had not avowed that the Order had been a great help to him.

It cannot be denied that the Order does not make better husbands, brothers and citizens. He closed with the avowal that he would visit every Lodge in the Domain, if possible, before his term of office expired, and with thanks to the brethren in every place for the hearty co-operation received.

A discussion of the question of "Compulsory Benefits" was participated, and many earnest speeches were made on both sides of the question. As there was no vote on the matter, the relative strength of the opposing views cannot be reported.

Robert Haight reported Cumberland Lodge as being in good condition, financially and otherwise.

W. H. McLaurin reported Scotland Lodge as holding her own, but not growing of late. Finances in fine shape and bright prospects ahead.

L. M. Cook reported that Red Springs was all right. Finances in

excellent condition. Only suspended one during last term, and is now at work initiating good men.

J. W. Johnson reported that Raeford was in first-class condition, and finances in good shape. Only suspended two last term, and the meetings well attended.

W. H. Royal reported that Cape Fear Lodge, Dunn, was doing well. Organized just a year ago with eleven members, but now have thirty. Everything about the condition and prospects of the Lodge was satisfactory.

After the night session the generous Knights of the far-famed city of the upper Cape Fear gave a great banquet. No body of folks in the State can beat the Fayetteville folks at banquet-making. Plates were laid, we guess, for 300 guests in the beautiful Pythian rooms, all thrown into one. The occasion was graced with the presence of the wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts of Pythians. There were the best things to eat spread out; the most beautiful sight, lovely women, to see, and a program of bright, witty, eloquent speeches to be heard.

C. T. Cooper, a veritable facile prince as a toastmaster, was in charge. Past Grand Chancellor W. S. Cook made the address of welcome, and Grand Chancellor W. M. Lyles made the response for the visitors. Many were the toasts.

We recall that Grand Vice-Chancelior Robertson spoke on "What is Missed by Absence From the Lodge-room"; A. S. Huske on "Benefits"; N. B. Alexander on the "Spirit of the Order"; Rev. P. R. Law on "The Orphans," and W. A. Jones on the "Endowment Rank." There were many others, but time and space would fail us, if we could recall them all from memory. L.

FIRST MEETING IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

Southern Pines, N. C., February 12th, 1904.

The first meeting ever held in the Sixth District was held at this place, with Southern Pines Lodge No. 108, on the evening of January the 22d, 1904.

Representatives were present from Pittsboro No. 88, Aberdeen No. 60, Carthage No. 139, and Sanford No. 123; also several Knights who were visiting at Southern Pines.

The meeting was called to order by Chancellor Commander C. L. Hayes, who, after opening the Lodge in regular form, introduced District Deputy Grand Chancellor A. H. London, who is an enthusiastic Pythian, and it is needless to say that he never allowed the interest to lag for a minute.

The address of welcome was made by Brother A. M. Clarke, of No. 108, and he left no doubt in the minds of the visitors that Southern Pines Lodge was glad to have them present at this and all other meetings of the Lodge.

The response was made by Brother Frizelle, of Pittsboro, No. 88.

The first speaker introduced was Grand Chancellor Lyles, who told the oft-told story of Pythianism in a most interesting manner. Then followed several speeches by the visiting brethren, and that of Brother DeColon, D. G. C. of Buffalo, N. Y., was especially interesting, in that he spoke most encouragingly of the plan of district meetings, and that he was so well pleased with the arrangement that it would be his purpose to have it adopted in his Domain.

The several Deputy Grand Chancellors of the district made favorable reports in reference to their Lodges, and all showed good gains in membership, and the attendance was commented on most favorably.

At this time Southern Pines Lodge successfully conferred the Rank of Page on Mr. Thomas.

"Gramp" Giles, one of our oldest and best Pythians, was present with his famous dinner (cow) bell, which, by the way, is a memento of the institution of Carolina Lodge, No. 146, Hamlet, by Southern Pines Lodge, and after the close of the meeting he headed the procession with his bell for the Southern Pines Hotel, where delightful refreshments were served.

Every one was delighted with the success of the meeting, and it was suggested that another be held before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in June. Southern Pines Lodges wishes to express its appreciation to the representatives from the different Lodges for their attendance and hearty co-operation in making the meeting such a decided success.

Fraternally,

H. O. PARKER.

THE OLD RELIABLE EIGHTH.

North Wilkesboro, N. C., February 12th, 1904.

District No. 8, K. of P., composed of nine Lodges, accepted the invitation of Piedmont Lodge, No. 96, Elkin, to hold its annual meeting on Thursday, February 11th.

A special train from Winston-Salem brought to the progressive little city of Elkin on yesterday fifty-three as loyal-hearted Knights as ever donned armor in defense of right, meeting there a delegation of eight from Wilkesboro.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. C. Crist called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock and appointed the following officers:

Vice-Chancellor—W. M. Bell.
Prelate—Rev. C. W. Robinson.
Master-at-Work—J. R. Coffey.
Master-at-Arms—J. L. Clements.
Inner Guard—R. Crumpler.
Outer Guard—H. D. Transau.

After the ceremonies it was announced that Dr. W. C. Mosely, candidate for third rank, was in waiting.

By courtesy Grand Chancellor Lyles was asked to conduct the ceremonies of the rank, which he did in his own inimitable style.

The perceptible "agitation" of the candidate passed away when he was created a Knight, having won the "Golden Spur."

He declared in his maiden speech that "the difficulties were more imaginary than real".

The gavel was here yielded to District Deputy Grand Chancellor Crist and the meeting of the Eighth District was duly organized.

J. F. Hendren, of Piedmont Lodge, delivered an address of welcome so large-hearted and cordial as to call forth an eloquent response from our Grand Chancellor in behalf of the visiting brothers.

The following Lodges were represented, and through their spokesman, made report of year's work:

Damon—Fifteen delegates; spokesman, McDowell.
Salem—Seventeen delegates; spokesman, Vogle.
North Wilkesboro—Three delegates; spokesman, Coffey.
Bethania—One delegate; Kapp.
Piedmont—Twenty-six delegates; spokesman, Crumpler.
Walkertown—Two delegates; spokesman, Robinson.
Forsyth—Seven delegates; spokesman, Sapp.
Mount Airy—not represented.
Wachovia—Five delegates; spokesman, Stubbs.
Spiceland, No. 163, Indiana, and Pisgah, No. 32, this Domain, each had a representative on the floor.

Reports from all the Lodges were encouraging. Not a pessimistic note was sounded throughout the entire session. Our efficient District Deputy, Brother Crist, smoothed the wrinkles from his brow "and wore a smile of complacency."

The Grand Chancellor patted old No. 8 on the back and assured her if she gave him the loyal-hearted support the rest of his term that she had done in the past his highest hopes would be realized, and he could yield chief place to his successor with gratified pride.

The business over, Brother Click, of Piedmont Lodge, invited the guests to the dining hall, tastefully decorated with the Lodge colors, where worthy matrons and beautiful maidens had prepared a repast worthy of their reputation as experts in the culinary art. The menu was elegant, tempting, consisting of the substantials and delicacies of the season, the Lodge colors figuring here in the arrangement of the flowers. The ladies graced the occasion with their presence and added charm to social converse. Covers were laid for 140; 120 were taken. The musical program was elaborate.

Clarinet solo by Professor Betti, of Mount Kisko, N. Y., accompanied on piano by Dr. McBee, of Roanoke; graphophone selections;

song by Mrs. Hunt, accompanied by Miss Willie Click; instrumental selections by Miss Click, added much to the pleasure of and enjoyment of the occasion.

Brother J. F. Hendren, the gifted toastmaster, called for responses to the following themes:

"Pythianism in the Eighth District"—Rev. C. W. Robinson.
"Relation of Pythianism to the Ministry"—Rev. H. C. Sprinkle.
"Reflections of a Newly-Made Knight"—Dr. W. C. Mosely.
"Impressions of Pythianism on a Page"—H. G. Chatham.
"The Ladies"—Grand Chancellor Lyles.
"Piedmont Lodge"—J. F. Hendren.

Our Grand Chancellor struck a responsive chord in the heart of every visiting brother when, paying a just tribute to the cordial hospitality and the tactful courtesy of our hosts, he proposed a rising vote of thanks.

Nothing was left undone by Piedmont Lodge and their friends, the ladies, to make our meeting a success and our visit most pleasant.

Every Lodge in the District was represented except Mount Airy, but owing to the extremely bad weather and poor schedules, it was impossible for them to be present; but a letter was received from them expressing regrets at being unable to be present, and conveying their best wishes for the success of the meeting. Evermore success to Piedmont Lodge, No. 96. C. W. R.

MEETING OF THE SEVENTH.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor J. W. Wilborn called the meeting of this district for High Point, February 12th, but for various reasons it was slimly attended, Asheboro, No. 45, High Point, No. 39, and Rowan, No. 100, being the only Lodges represented. Several visitors were present from other districts, who added much to the occasion.

Brother Wilborn was called away from home on account of the serious illness of some friend, but the brethren of High Point Lodge took the visitors in charge and made their stay in the hustling city of High Point very pleasant. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 o'clock, and the address of welcome was made by Brother Bradsher, and same responded to by the Grand Chancellor. A ringing speech was made by that prince of good fellows, Brother W. Penn Wood, of Asheboro Lodge, No. 45, and several others spoke of the good of the Order; and while this meeting was not largely attended, it did not lack in interest.

After the business of the district had been attended to High Point Lodge opened in due form, and conferred the Rank of Esquire on a candidate.

Every one present missed the genial Wilborn, for he is constantly

doing all he can to advance the interest of Pythianism in his district. He is untiring in his efforts, and the Seventh will show good gains this year. VISITOR.

GREAT MEETING OF THE NINTH DISTRICT.

At the request of the Grand Chancellor and the Deputy Grand Chancellor, I send you an account of the meeting of the Ninth District meeting, held with Forest City Lodge, No. 82, on Monday, February 1st. During the entire afternoon and early evening delegates were arriving from every Lodge in the district and from other portions of the Domain. Among the distinguished Pythians present were Grand Chancellor Lyles and District Deputy Grand Chancellor George L. Hackney, of the Tenth District.

Preliminary to the business of the district meeting, Forest City Lodge held a "ceremonial" session, at which, with the assistance of Grand Chancellor Lyles and Deputy Grand Chancellors Hackney and Simpson, the Ranks of Page and Esquire were conferred upon four candidates, and the Rank of Esquire was also conferred upon an exceptionally good-natured and emotional Page of Caroleen Lodge, No. 119.

After spending four hours at this exceedingly interesting and entertaining work, the 110 Knights repaired to the banquet hall, where several of Forest City's beautiful women served supper. The ladies of Forest City, who, by their gracious manners and charming presence, added much to the enjoyment of an elaborate and excellent meal, deserve especial mention in this report, and I know that not one of the Knights present on that occasion will demur at my paying this tribute to the fair ones. During the banquet the Forest City Band, under the direction of Brother E. J. Barnette, discoursed music of a high order. There may be larger bands in the State, but there are none that can render better music than the Forest City Band gave us on this occasion.

After supper the district meeting was called to order by District Deputy Grand Chancellor Simpson, who introduced Rev. R. A. Hedgepeth, of Forest City Lodge, who, in eloquent terms, welcomed the visiting brethren. In equally as eloquent manner, District Deputy Grand Chancellor Hackney, of the Tenth District, responded to Brother Hedgepeth.

Grand Chancellor W. M. Lyles addressed the meeting for thirty minutes, dwelling on the progress of the Order in the Domain and giving many valuable suggestions.

Representatives of the various Lodges in the District followed with encouraging reports. The meeting showed that a net gain of fifty-three had been made during the year, and that all the Lodges were in a flourishing condition. Every Lodge in the district was

represented. One hundred and ten Pythians were present, representing eleven Lodges. The result cannot but be gratifying to District Deputy Grand Chancellor Simpson, and reflects credit upon his administration of the affairs in the Ninth District.

The meeting was a success in every sense of the word, and too much praise cannot be showered upon the brethren of Forest City Lodge and their lady friends. Every Knight expressed himself as pleased with the meeting, which did not adjourn until 3:08 o'clock in the morning. S. G.

MEETING IN THE NEW ELEVENTH.

Morganton, N. C., March 7th, 1904.

The Pythians of the new Eleventh District held their meeting in the handsome new Castle hall of Statesville Lodge, No. 46, on Thursday night, February 18th. Only four Lodges were represented, and while the attendance was small, every one seemed to enjoy it very much. It is difficult for me to write fully in reference to the meeting, as I was delayed en route by a broken engine, hence did not reach my destination until the business session had about closed. Our worthy brother, Lieutenant-Governor W. D. Turner, made the address of welcome, and every one felt that he was indeed welcome. I felt real sorry for Brother Hackney, as he had studied so hard to have his speech ready to respond to the address of welcome, but he reached there too late.

The Statesville brethren had prepared an elegant spread at the Hotel Iredell, and when that grand, noble Pythian, Brother Rickert, announced that we would repair to the festive board, there was not a dissenting voice. Once there we found the most tempting things to eat, and some of Statesville's prettiest young ladies to see that our plates were well filled. Brother Ruth, of Salisbury, was placed in charge of two Statesville Pythians to keep him quiet, as he was so anxious to make a speech.

Brother Rickert, in his usual happy manner, acted as toastmaster, and responses were made by the following brothers: Lieutenant-Governor Turner and C. B. Webb, of Statesville; Hackney, of Asheville; Squires and Phelps, of Lenoir, and Ruth of Salisbury.

In all, the meeting was a success, and the boys will ever remember the members of Statesville Lodge for the many kindnesses shown the visitors. Statesville Lodge has one of the handsomest Castle halls in the district, and its roster contains the names of many of the best citizens of Statesville. We are expecting a large gain in this district from now until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. J. C. ESTES.

MEETING OF THE BABY DISTRICT.

The Twelfth District meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 16th, at 2:30 p. m., in Castle hall of Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor J. G. Fowler.

Brother J. S. Betts, of Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, welcomed the brothers in a very happy speech, and was responded to by Brother T. L. Bass, of Sanford Lodge, No. 123.

A telegram was received from our beloved Grand Chancellor, Brother William M. Lyles, regretting his inability to be present. The night session was opened at 7:30, and upon roll-call the following Lodges reported: Sanford Lodge, No. 123, seven members; Liberty Lodge, No. 43, four members; Siler City Lodge, No. 117, one member; Reidsville Lodge, No. 49, three members; Guilford Lodge, No. 69, Greensboro, seven members; Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, Greensboro, seventy-five members.

Reports of the Lodges were called for and the following brethren responded: Whiddefield, of Sanford; Weatherly, of Ramseur; Smith, of Liberty; Gladstone, of Reidsville; Collins, of Guilford, and Strudwick, of Greensboro.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, and I am glad to report every Lodge in the District in fine condition, and that each of them expect to make a large increase in membership before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Chancellor J. L. Scott, Jr., was present and made a most encouraging speech on the good of the Order. G. H. Royster, General Organizer of the Endowment Rank, made a splendid report on this branch of our Order.

There were several short, interesting talks from different members, and afterwards Greensboro Lodge was opened in special session by Brother Fowler, and the Rank of Page was conferred on Candidate Cheek, and afterwards the Rank of Esquire was conferred on Pages Cheek and Arnold, as was the Rank of Knight.

Immediately after conferring the third rank the Lodge was closed in due form, and every one present repaired to the Benbow Hotel, where an elegant repast had been prepared by Brother Benbow. Brother Williams' orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Brother Strudwick presided as toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to:

"Good of the Order"—Weatherly, of Ramseur.

"Pythianism"—Bass, of Sanford.

"On the Road"—Willoughby, of Pennsylvania.

"Social Side of Pythianism"—Makepeace, of Sanford.

"Impressions of a New Knight"—Cheek, of Greensboro.

At a late hour the meeting adjourned, after having spent a most profitable and enjoyable evening.

Every Lodge in the District was represented except one.

DELEGATE.

Graham, N. C., March 7th, 1904.

February the 26th, 1904, was a day that will be remembered. It snowed, sleeted, thundered, lightened, rained, "freezed", and many other things; and last, but not least, the Knights of Pythias of the Third District of the Grand Domain of North Carolina met in West Durham and held a meeting in fine and effectual style.

Past Grand Chancellor "Jack" Scott had been feeling unwell for several days prior to this date, and was about to back out, the weather being so extremely disagreeable, but on my calling him over the telephone and telling him that the weather was never too bad for a district meeting, and that I would look after him and keep him straight (?), he was easily persuaded, and when the 'bus called for me I found him aboard, and we were soon waiting for the train to come. We were disappointed when we found that we were to be the only representatives from our Lodge, but took courage from the thought that Burlington Lodge, No. 50, would be out in full force; but if they were on the cars they were asleep and we could not find them and they went on past the place of meeting.

The ride on the cars from Graham was without special interest, only we met one George H. Royster, claiming Greensboro as his home, and said he represented the Endowment feature of our Order, and amused us, or rather interested us, in pointing out the natural and other advantages Durham has over Greensboro.

On arrival at Durham, and on setting feet on the commodious platform of the Southern Railway, which nature had so profusely decorated with the elements mentioned above, we were met by Brother Thomas H. Webb, one of the most typical Knights in North Carolina —a Knight whose hospitality knows no bounds, whose zeal for the Order knows no such thing as retreat, and who deserves a greater honor than my pen can bestow. In his care we rested until we entered the Castle hall of West Durham Lodge, No. 130.

As we were about to enter the Castle hall, nature showed her grandeur by giving a vivid flash of lightning, that we might see, as well as feel, the carpet of snow and ice upon which we were treading, and which was actually bending the small trees. A rare occurrence. All saw the vivid flash, but few heard the mighty peal of thunder. W. W. Willson, of Raleigh had joined us.

In the lodge-room we found a large body of Knights, whose every look and move showed clearly that they were there for a purpose; and I regret my inability to command words that might be deemed a fitting tribute to the enthusiasm that was so clearly manifest in every phase of the occasion. However, the roll of Lodges was called, and such as were represented made answer and gave a report of their Lodge, its condition, etc., all of which showed that the Lodges of the district are in a good, healthy condition.

The work in the Castle hall brought out many features for the instruction of the brethren and the good of the Order, the chief of

which was the address of welcome by Brother J. E. Pegram, and the response by District Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Pridgen, and the Vice-Chancellor's contest for the jewel offered by Brother Thos. H. Webb.

The address of welcome was exceedingly interesting, and gave the visiting brethren much inside information concerning West Durham, with its Southern Railway, its cotton factories, electric and car lines, which extend all over the city towards the south, west and north, and towards the east as far as East Durham.

The response by Brother Pridgen made everybody feel at home, and inspired resolutions and emotions that were manifest throughout the entire meeting, and which will spread out all over the district.

The contest for the Vice-Chancellor's jewel was entered into by Brothers J. E. Pegram, West Durham Lodge, No. 130; J. R. Peel, East Durham, No. 109, and J. L. Kirkland, Durham, No. 31. Brother Kirkland made a good exemplification of the work, but not so good as Brothers Pegram and Peel, for between these gentlemen it was strictly a matter for the judges, as the rank and file of the brethren thought the jewel would have to be cut into and divided between them. However, the jewel was awarded to Brother Pegram, who was given to understand that he had won only by the "skin of his teeth." Contests similar to this in the several districts will perfect the unwritten work as never before. It is a good thing; keep it up.

After passing appropriate resolutions, the meeting in the Castle hall was brought to a close, and we next found ourselves in the halls of the West Durham Graded School building, where a banquet was served in that style which delights the heart of the inner man. The writer had sipped his stew, had complimented to the brother by his side its correct seasoning and quality, and was commenting upon the pretty young ladies who were serving the table, when he learned from a brother by his side that the refreshments had been prepared by and were being served by the Cooking Class of the West Durham School, which was being taught by Miss Minnie Dowd. This information gave every item of the refreshments fresh flavor and interest, and no write-up of the meeting or occasion would or could be called complete without outspoken thanks and appreciation to Miss Dowd and her class of bright girls, whom she is training in the right way to make Pythian wives.

Brother James H. Southgate, of Durham Lodge, No. 31, acted as toastmaster, and if I could only command words as he can, I would tell you in words that would inspire you, for if there is a more soul-stirring Pythian in this Domain than Brother Southgate, I have yet to see him. He knows just what to say and when to say it. His introduction of Past Grand Chancellor Scott brought forth a round of applause that showed in unmistakable terms that it will be a late day when our Past Grand Chancellor is forgotten.

I would like to say a word about every toast responded to at this banquet, but there were so many, were so good and to the point, that I am going to ask my readers to "take it for granted"; besides, I had been informed that I was on the list, and not knowing just when my time would come, was too intent on that emotion which filled my own throat to record the speeches in that style they deserve; and you know it would not be in good taste to comment on my own speech. See?

When I tell you that there were many, that they were good, being made by such old-timers as Scott, Southgate, W. W. Willson, Webb, Lindsay, Williams, Kirkland, Pegram, Pridgen, Professor Cameron and others, I know you will conclude that our meeting was not in vain, and that great good will result.

McB. HOLT.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AT NEW BERN.

Goldsboro, N. C., March 30th, 1904.

William M. Lyles, Grand Chancellor—

Dear Brother,—The meeting of the Second District was held with Athenia Lodge, No. 8, at New Bern, on the 3d day of March, and was well attended. All the Lodges in the district were represented except those at Tarboro and Plymouth. There were in attendance over two hundred Knights.

The meeting was presided over by District Deputy Grand Chancellor John C. Rodman, of Washington. On the rostrum with him were Grand Vice-Chancellor Robertson and Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, of Wilmington.

The address of welcome was by Rev. Mr. Rich, of New Bern, and a gem it was, too, and the response by Dr. H. D. Harper, of Kinston.

Short talks were made by Grand Vice-Chancellor Robertson, Supreme Master of Exchequer Meares, and several from Wilmington, Kinston, Goldsboro, Mount Olive, Wilson and Fremont. I forgot to tell you that a special train was run from Goldsboro, on which was the delegation from Wilson, Fremont, Goldsboro and Kinston—about one hundred and fifty Knights. They were received at the depot by a committee from Athenia Lodge and escorted up town, where supper was had, after which all found their way to the hall.

After the business of the meeting was over the third rank, in the long form, was conferred upon a candidate, the work being done by a team composed of the Wilmington Knights and Knights from Goldsboro, after which the meeting closed, and to the banquet hall all repaired, which was given by the members of Athenia Lodge.

Brother James W. Waters acted as toastmaster. There were several responses to toasts, but I am unable to give them to you, not having the program at hand. The banquet was fine, and the brothers of New Bern did themselves proud in the entertainment of their guests.

The meeting was voted a big success, and every one enjoyed himself and came away feeling that it had benefited him.

Since the meeting I am informed that Athenia Lodge has had from three to four applications every meeting, and doing work each meeting; so, you see, they were benefited as well.

Fraternally,
W. T. HOLLOWELL.

MEETING OF THE BANNER DISTRICT—LAST, BUT NOT LEAST.

The meeting of the Knights of Pythias of the Tenth District, held at Hendersonville April the 7th, was a pronounced success. There was a good attendance, every Lodge in the district being represented except one. The afternoon session was taken up largely by the reports of the Deputy Grand Chancellors present. These reports showed the Order to be in a most healthy condition. A very large gain in membership had resulted this year, and little doubt is expressed that the Tenth District will have the best report to present to the Grand Lodge in Winston-Salem in June. A School of Instruction was conducted by two or three members of the Order well up on the secret work. This part of the program was greatly enjoyed and proved most instructive to the members present.

At night a public meeting was held in the town hall, presided over by District Deputy Grand Chancellor George L. Hackney, Asheville. The program was opened by an instrumental duet by Misses Eva Smith and Helena Morris. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. R. N. Wilcox, who spoke in a happy vein and gave a most royal welcome to the visitors. This address was followed by a solo by Mrs. J. F. Brooks—"A Dream of Paradise", a number that was much enjoyed by the audience. Charles E. Jones, of Asheville, who responded to the address of welcome, was introduced by the chairman as "the noted young lawyer who speaks, not by the hour, but by the day." Mr. Jones, whose talk was entirely impromptu, spoke in a most pleasing way. His remarks were loudly cheered. Mr. Charles E. Pless favored the audience with a vocal solo, which was followed by an address by W. E. Breese, Jr., Esq., of Transylvania Lodge, No. 143, Brevard.

About 100 people sat down to the banquet, tendered by the Hendersonville Lodge, at the Blue Ridge Inn to the visiting Knights and their lady friends. A very tempting menu had been prepared, and at 11 o'clock Dr. A. H. Morey, the toastmaster, rapped for order, and called on Guy V. Roberts, Esq., of Fidelity Lodge, No. 148, Marshall, to respond to the toast "The Pythian Knight."

Mr. Roberts, who is himself a new Knight, having been a member of the Order less than a month, spoke with much enthusiasm and to the delight of the banqueters.

Rev. R. N. Wilcox responded to the toast "The Pythian Citizen." Mr. Wilcox is a very pleasing speaker and captured the audience with his first sentence. George L. Hackney, Asheville, responded to the toast "Pythian Confidence"; W. P. Whitmire, Brevard, to "The Outlook of Pythianism", and W. E. Breese, Jr., Brevard, to "Pythianism as a Social Order." J. W. Deake, Asheville, told of the "Origin and Purposes of the Order," giving some valuable history and throwing out some splendid hints for the members of the Order. Then followed the gem of the evening, the response to the toast, "The Ladies", by Mr. Charles E. Jones, Asheville. Mr. Jones told of the pessimist's idea of woman, quoting from Alexander Pope and others, but declared that he had no sympathy with such ideas. He placed woman on a high pedestal, and frequently received the cheers of the audience for his witty, as well as exceedingly sensible, remarks. A few words from the toastmaster closed the banquet.

Some of the Asheville delegation, who were particularly anxious to reach home at the earliest possible moment, sat up until 4 o'clock, waiting for the freight train, and reached Asheville at 7 o'clock in the morning. ONE PRESENT.

THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

The Endowment Rank—the insurance feature of our Order—has never been in as prosperous and healthy condition as it is to-day. The promptness that marks the management, in payment of death claims, the rapid growth in point of membership, and the resources in excess of the liabilities, shows conclusively that our officers in charge of this department are rendering a service that the membership appreciates. This rank was established in 1877, in accordance to a resolution passed by the Supreme Lodge at its convention held in Cleveland, O., and it is needless for me to add that all just death claims are paid upon receipt of necessary information and proof of death papers. There is no company or society that is at this time paying its death claims more promptly than the Endowment Rank.

Since its organization the Endowment Rank has paid to the beneficiaries of deceased members throughout the United States, Canada and the Sandwich Islands, $20,582,312.12, the same being made in settlement of 10,538 claims.

I invite your closest scrutiny in the affairs of the rank, and will ask that you carefully examine each report as sent out from the home office in Chicago. Please note the splendid gains made in our own Domain during the past year. Our General Organizer, Brother George H. Royster, has been untiring in his efforts among the membership in this Domain, and I can and do gladly recommend this branch of our Order to every member "who has the ties of home upon you", and can say, There is none better. The following table shows the status of this rank as it stands in this Domain to-day:

STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK IN THE GRAND DOMAIN OF NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 1, 1904.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretary.	Number of Members	Amount of Endowment.
221	Wilmington	J. D. Nutt, 220 N. Front St	133	$ 294,500
255	Fayetteville	H. E. Dupree, Box 561	95	180,000
307	Goldsboro	W. H. Collins, 508 E. Elm	54	103,500
478	Charlotte	Charles F. Alexander	13	22,000
610	Salisbury	T. F. Young	15	34,000
658	Laurinburg	Thomas J. Gill	21	49,000
702	Greensboro	George H Royster, Box 96	238	460,500
864	Durham	J. J. Pritchard	66	140,500
876	Maxton	J. W. Carter, Box 26	8	13,000
1085	Lumberton	C. B. Skipper	8	15,000
1124	Raleigh	C. L Woodall	11	13,000
1201	High Point	J. W. Wilborn, 110 N. Main	23	33,000
1211	Charlotte	W. P. Smith, Ch. Hardw. Co	43	87,000
1225	Monroe	H. B. Adams, Wash. & H Sts	8	18,000
1345	Tarboro	John L. Jenkins	10	12,500
1723	Winston-Salem	E. A. Ebert	66	126,500
1749	Reidsville	E. F. Hall	18	33,000
1779	Rocky Mount	G. W. Robbins, East R. R	14	19,000
1845	Asheboro	H. E Moffitt	15	19,000
1847	Burlington	R. A. Freeman, Box 28	18	34,000
1861	Gastonia	J. H. Kennedy	27	47,000
1866	Concord	L. D. Coltrane	40	55,500
1880	Statesville	John B Gill	29	51,000
1896	Asheville	T. R. Harrison, 28 Starnes	58	110,000
1905	Hickory	W. A Hall	21	44,000
1910	Lincolnton	E. T. Childs	11	18,000
1971	Salem	W. C Crist	63	74,000
2049	Marion	W. F. Wood	15	24,500
2116	Morganton	J. C. Estes	27	36,000
2224	Kinston	George D. Hawks	8	10,000
2231	North Wilkesboro	J. R. Caffey	7	12,000
2251	Mooresville	J E Brawley, Box 20	25	30,000
2304	Lexington	Fred O. Sinks	7	13,000
2380	Waynesville	George C. Pegue	22	30,500
2386	Mt. Holly	George D. Jenkins	4	7,000
2537	Louisburg	E. S. Green	5	12,000
2557	Ramseur	E. B. Leonard	8	10,500
2648	Washington	A. Mayo	18	22,000
2667	Henrietta	F. B. Gaffney, Box 100	23	29,000
2761	Waxhaw	F. A. Krauss	6	5,500
2880	Matthews	J. A. Stevens	9	16,000
2896	Norwood	L. W. Hart, Box 2	5	9,000
3051	Liberty	W. H. Griffin	10	14,000
3089	Wadesboro	B. G. Covington	6	11,000
3195	Henderson	W. K. Sturges	11	18,000
3224	Wilson	J. I. Thomason, Box 233	7	13,000
3237	Forest City	R. E. Biggerstaff	19	22,000
3289	Charlotte	J. T. Porter, 26 E. Trade St	70	87,000
3349	New Berne	J. C. Scales	10	17,000
3440	Pittsboro	A. H. London	6	5,500
3666	Red Springs	J S. Jones	16	22,500
3689	Rockingham	E. B Terry, Box 149	9	16,000

STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK, &c.—CONTINUED.

Sec. No.	Location.	Name and Address of Secretary.	Number of Members.	Amount of Endowment.
3711	Graham	Charles A. Scott, Box 105.	26	34,500
3715	Elkin	John S. Bell	11	21,000
3722	Charlotte	J. A. Henderson, 39 N. Tryon	45	70,000
3829	Chapel Hill	T. N. Mann	18	21,000
3902	Salisbury	H. T. Simpson	47	90,500
3910	King's Mountain	J. B. Rhyme	16	22,000
3935	Rowland	Milton Lytch	12	15,500
3949	China Grove	T. L. Ross	11	18,000
4237	Davidson	W. H. Thompson	6	7,000
4268	Greenville	A. B. Ellington	9	10,000
4356	Worthville	E. C. Williamson	11	10,500
4443	Walkertown	N. P. Walker	6	3,500
4494	Huntersville	W. S Caldwell	8	10,000
4544	Albemarle	C. J. Manney, L. Box 145.	15	23,500
4572	East Durham	J. E. Browning	15	14,000
4600	Star	George H. Wright	5	4,000
4613	Hamlet	J. C Niemier	5	5,000
4625	Columbus	A. L. McMurray	5	5,500
4627	Lenoir	B. G Johnson	17	23,000
4924	Rutherfordton	F. Flack	16	22,500
4982	Siler City	C. N. Bray	8	8,000
5058	Tryon	George A. Gash	7	12,000
5078	Elizabeth City	T. S Wells	3	3,000
5081	Hendersonville	C. E. Brooks	8	7,500
5091	Clarkton	M. L. Cromartie	14	15,500
5220	Spencer	F. A. Lampkin	12	18,000
5233	Sanford	S P. Hatch	19	22,000
5236	Hillsboro	Eugene A. Hughes, Box 5.	5	5,500
5246	Smithfield	N. M. Lawrence, Jr.	10	9,500
5272	Raeford	J. W. Ginton	7	7,500
5293	Troy	B T. Wade	6	3,000
5304	Caroleen	E. E. Smart	6	6,000
5311	Ellenboro	J. J Byers	11	13,000
5349	Fremont	D. A. Powell	5	4,000
5357	West Durham	D A. Bordeaux	15	15,000
5358	Plymouth	J. H. Leggitt	6	7,500
5397	Lattimore	John B. Lattimore	5	7,000
5442	Winston-Salem	George M Duval	16	17,500
5507	Mt. Olive	M. T. Breazden	5	8,000
5529	Dillsboro	W. J. Kincaid	6	7,000
5556	Cliffside	J. C. Hamrick	8	5,500
5579	Chadborne	L. A. Bailey	9	15,000
5595	Clayton	J. M. Turley	6	9,000
5610	Whiteville	T. S. Memory	12	22,500
5628	Benson	Edward L Hall	5	5,500
5665	Mt. Airy	T. M. Everett	7	7,000
5680	Carthage	U. S. Spence	3	2,500
5759	Brevard	Thomas W. Whitmire	11	12,500
5788	Winston-Salem	C. N. Snyder, 1251 Liberty	13	13,000
Total			2,033	$3,330,500

RECAPITULATION.

No. of sections in North Carolina April 1, 1903.....	97
No. of members in North Carolina April 1, 1903.....	1,819
Insurance in force April 1, 1903, in North Carolina.....$	3,113,000.00
No. of sections in North Carolina May 1, 1904.....	101
No. of members in North Carolina May 1, 1904.....	2,033
Insurance in force in North Carolina May 1, 1904.....$	3,330,500.00

The above table shows a gain of four sections—214 members—and an increase of $217,500 insurance.

Insurance paid in North Carolina since Rank was established .....$	350,000.00

GENERAL STATUS.

No. of members in Supreme Domain May 1.....	65,000
Insurance in force in Supreme Domain May 1.....$	107,000,000.00
Paid to beneficiaries since organization.....$	20,582,312.12

ORPHANS' FUND.

This fund is held dear by every member of the Order in this Domain, and the long-cherished hope that we will soon have a suitable home in which to care for the orphans of our deceased brothers assumed a tangible shape at the convention last year in Wilmington, when a committee of three was appointed, known as the "Special Orphanage Committee", whose duty it was to investigate all matters pertaining to the establishment of such a home, and report at this session of the Grand Lodge. You will see, by referring to report of Grand Master of Exchequer, that we had on hand May the 1st $11,354.98, and the fund constantly growing.

NEW LODGES.

Am pleased to report the following new Lodges:

October 1st, 1903, Transylvania Lodge, No. 143, Brevard, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor George L. Hackney, assisted by members from Asheville, Hendersonville, Rutherfordton, Smithfield, Tryon, Charlotte and Spartanburg. Initiated twenty.

October the 8th, Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 144, Mount Gilead, by Special Deputy Grand Chancellor Dr. T. A. Haithcock and team from Norwood Lodge, No. 81, assisted by Albemarle, Asheboro, Star, Troy, Wadesboro and Charlotte. Initiated fifteen.

November 18th, 1903, Wachovia Lodge, No. 145, Winston-Salem, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor Crist, assisted by a team from Damon, Salem and Forsyth Lodges. Initiated twenty.

January 18th, 1904, Carolina Lodge, No. 146, Hamlet, by the Grand Chancellor, ably assisted by the team from Southern Pines Lodge, No. 108, and others. Initiated twenty.

February 8th, Estatoe Lodge, No. 147, Micaville, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor J. C. Estes, assisted by a strong team from Burke, No. 64, Morganton. Initiated thirteen.

March 17th, Fidelity Lodge, No. 148, Marshall, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor George L. Hackney, assisted magnificently by members from both the Asheville Lodges, Hendersonville and others. Initiated twenty.

April 4th, 1904, Canton Lodge, No. 149, Canton, by District Deputy Grand Chancellor George L. Hackney, assisted by members from Waynesville, Asheville and others. Initiated fifteen.

May the 18th, "Robert Jordan Lodge", No. 150, Roxboro, by J. D. Pridgen, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, assisted by members from the three Durham and Chapel Hill Lodges. Initiated fifteen.

May 26th, Hiawassee Lodge, No. 151, Murphy, by George L. Hackney, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, assisted by members from Asheville, Waynesville and Dillsboro. Initiated twenty.

I will likely institute Lodge at Andrews before the Grand Lodge meets, as supplies for this place have been ordered.

I recommend that charters be granted each of these Lodges.

DISPENSATIONS.

July 13th, 1903, Myrtle Lodge, No. 111, to admit to membership Mr. Henry Haley, over fifty years of age.

August 1st, 1903, Rocky Mount Lodge, No. 84, to meet only on first and third Monday nights during August and September.

September 7th, 1903, Asheville Lodge, No. 106, to levy assessment to purchase paraphernalia, robes, etc.

September 26th, Norwood Lodge, No. 81, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Mr. W. H. Harris.

July 29th, Guilford Lodge, No. 69, Greensboro, to confer three ranks, one convention, on J. W. B. Collins.

August 13th, Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, Fayetteville, to admit to membership Mr. H. V. Allen, over fifty years of age.

October 31st, Transylvania Lodge, No. 143, Brevard, to admit to membership Mr. W. P. Weilt, over fifty years of age.

November 16th, China Grove Lodge, No. 102, to confer second and third ranks, one convention, on Page Edgar Dunlap.

November 26th, Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 144, to admit to membership Mr. J. C. McKinnon, over fifty years of age.

December 5th, 1903, Henderson Lodge, No. 85, to admit to membership Mr. C. J. Benton, over fifty years of age.

December 9th, 1903, Zeb Vance Lodge, No. 65, Mooresville, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Mr. John Grierson.

December 12th, 1903, Transylvania Lodge, No. 143, Brevard, to admit to membership Mr. M. B. Walters, over fifty years of age.

December 21st, 1903, Newton Grove Lodge, No. 120, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Frank Garvin.

January 5th, 1904, Tuckaseege Lodge, No. 134, Dillsboro, to confer second and third ranks, one convention, on Page R. Furman Jarrett.

February 1st, 1904, Forest City Lodge, No. 82, to confer first and second ranks, one convention, on J. L. Burley.

February 1st, 1904, Forest City Lodge, No. 82, to confer first and second ranks, one convention, on J. L. Hunter.

Forest City Lodge, No. 82, to confer first and second ranks, one convention, on C. L. Lever.

February 1st, 1904, Forest City Lodge, No. 82, to confer first and second ranks, one convention, on Travis Frontis.

February 5th, 1904, Rowan Lodge, No. 100, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Floyd B. Miller.

February 20th, Asheville Lodge, No. 106, to admit to membership Mr. Thomas M. Duckett, a maimed man.

February 25th, 1904, Myrtle Lodge, No. 111, Cedar Grove, to admit to membership Mr. A. A. Compton, over fifty years of age.

March 7th, 1904, Monroe Lodge, No. 38, to confer second and third ranks, one convention, on Page E. E. Marsh.

March 9th, 1904, Transylvania Lodge, No. 143, Brevard, to admit to membership Mr. M. M. King, over fifty years of age.

March 11th, 1904, Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, Fayetteville, to admit to membership Mr. R. G. Harrison, a maimed man.

March 31st, Transylvania Lodge, No. 143, Brevard, to admit to membership Rev. E. Allison, over fifty years of age.

April 8th, 1904, Canton Lodge, No. 140, to admit to membership Mr. J. H. Chapman, over fifty years of age.

April 8th, 1904, Canton Lodge, No. 149, to admit to membership Mr. J. M. Curtis, over fifty years of age.

April 8th, 1904, Canton Lodge, No. 149, to admit to membership Mr. W. A. Thomas, over fifty years of age.

April 9th, 1904, Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Mr. T. J. Cheek.

April 9th, 1904, Greensboro Lodge, No. 80, to confer second and third ranks, one convention, on Page J. E. Arnold.

April 15th, 1904, Tuckaseege Lodge, No. 134, Dillsboro, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Mr. J. F. Enloe.

April 22d, 1904, Fidelity Lodge, No. 148, Marshall, to admit to membership Mr. W. R. Sams, over fifty years of age.

April 26th, 1904, Benson Lodge, No. 140, to admit to membership Rev. W. A. Forbes, over fifty years of age.

April 29th, 1904, Pisgah Lodge, No. 32, Asheville, to admit to membership Mr. W. L. Moore, over fifty years of age.

May 2d, 1904, Estatoe Lodge, No. 147, Micaville, to admit to membership Mr. J. M. Fouchell, over fifty years of age.

May 2d, 1904, West Durham Lodge, No. 130, to admit to membership Mr. P. H. Johnson, over fifty years of age.

May 7th, 1904, Asheville Lodge, No. 106, to admit to membership Rev. W. A. Therrell, over fifty years of age.

May 14th, 1904, Athenia Lodge, No. 8, New Bern, to confer three ranks, one convention, on Mr. George R. Jones.

THE CAROLINA PYTHIAN.

Perhaps one of the greatest agencies at work in this Domain today, in the upbuilding of Pythianism, is our splendid paper, *The Carolina Pythian*. This is distinctively a reading age, and our people are realizing to a greater measure than ever before the importance of keeping abreast with the times, consequently those of our number who really wish to become enlightened along the Pythian line, in order to be more useful in the Pythian world, and who are striving "to make the world brighter and better", and are making an effort to "do noble things, and not dream them all day long", are lending their support in every way to this valuable paper, and I sincerely hope that every Lodge in the Domain, as well as the members thereof, will rally around the gifted editor and aid him in keeping it up to the high standard it has attained in the world of journalism. It is my pleasure to receive quite a number of Pythian publications, but from no quarter does any brighter or better edited copy come than we have right here in our own Domain—your paper and mine.

IN MEMORIAM.

"There is a time when I must die,
Nor do I know how soon shall come,
How many younger much than I,
Have passed by death to hear their doom."

The following brothers have reached "the river that marks the unknown shore" since our last Convention:

E. P. Bailey, No. 61.
D. M. Bain, No. 5.
Dr. H. L. Baird, No. 106.
Sol. Bear, No. 4.
G. T. Bland, No. 2.
Charles R Kinney, No. 124.
R. M. Johnston, No. 65.
R. M. McArthur, No. 41.
P. D. McDaniel, No. 70.
Lawrence P. McLoud, No. 32.

D. A. Boyd, No. 134.
Samuel Brewer, No. 56.
J. B. Blanton, Jr., No. 82.
M. H. Aycock, No. 72.
J. F. Conrad, No. 31.
J. M. Creekmore, No. 74.
A. S. Ellison, No. 54.
Dr. E. S. Foster, No. 72.
A. Garrison, No. 5.
John W. Hanes, No. 41.
C. F. Hoel, No. 66.
T. A. Hooks, No. 77.
A. E. Jones, No. 114.
J. M. McGowan, No. 1.
E. G. Mills, No. 138.
D. Guy Moore, No. 32.
Samuel A. Pfohl, No. 56.
E. Rehder, No. 4.
Charlie Shulken, No. 4.
J. F. Stolter, No. 4.
W. A. Slater, No. 31.
W. H. Von Kirk, No. 84.
B. F. White, No. 1.
J. McD. Whitson, No. 106.
Prof. R. S. Powell, No. 49.

When the news came flashing over the wires last October that Lawrence P. McLoud had been perhaps fatally injured in an automobile accident at his home in Cleveland, O., many were the expressions of hope that it were not so bad as reported, and many petitions went forth to "Him who doeth all things well", asking that his life be spared; but the extent of his injuries were greater than was at first thought, and this bright young life ebbed away, leaving his loved ones to mourn, and the entire membership of our Order in this Domain to feel that in deed and in truth they had lost one of their most loyal members; one whom they had delighted to honor, and one who had given good service to the Order—always stood ready to respond to every call to Pythian duty—and one whose coming to the Subordinate Lodges always brought joy and sunshine with him. His genial smile, his wise counsel and pleasing address will be missed in our Castle halls, and I think it proper that we should devote one hour during this session to the memory of this brother; therefore recommend that this be done.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

I regret having to report the loss of two (2) Lodges during the year—Pineville, No. 89, surrendering charter to District Deputy Grand Chancellor Cochrane on November 23d, 1903, and Shelby, No. 42, surrendering to District Deputy Grand Chancellor Simpson on February 25th, 1904. When I assumed control of affairs last June I found these Lodges "tottering", and immediately set about to get them in line, but my efforts proved in vain. I had co-operated with my predecessor in their interest, but nothing could be done but remove their charters, consequently I instructed the District Deputies to take them up.

GRAND LODGE CARDS.

The following cards have been granted to members of defunct Lodges: George H. McKinney, Greensboro, No. 28; E. M. Blankenship, Pineville, No. 89; T. J. Smith, Pineville, No. 89; Dr. N. G. Moore, Pineville, No. 89; I. W. West, Blue Ridge, No. 44; Samuel G. Pace, Blue Ridge, No. 44; F. A. Dorsett, Blue Ridge, No. 44; Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Pineville, No. 89; J. F. Redmon, Riverside, No. 79; Henry E. Thomas, Blue Ridge, No. 44; A. T. Whitsett, Greensboro, No. 28; H. W. McGehee, Madison, No. 52; George P. Pell, Blue Ridge, No. 44; J. G. Wright, Greensboro, No. 28; M. W. Bell, A. J. Martin, A. J. Gurley and J. M. Vaughn, all of Hiawassee, No. 57.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have made an especial effort to visit every Lodge in the Domain, but I have found it impossible for me to do so; but I am pleased to advise that I have distributed the Lodges I was not able to visit myself among several of the brethren, and almost every Lodge, if not every one, has had the benefit of a visit, either from myself or a specially appointed District Grand Chancellor, and at each of these meetings there was an exemplification of the secret work, and matters pertaining to the Order were discussed. If, perchance, there should be a single Lodge feeling that it has been neglected, let me assure you that the cause of an official visit not being made was because of some conditions arising that rendered it impossible, as we hoped and expected to visit each Lodge. Everywhere I have been the brethren have received me with open hearts and willing hands, and their many kindnesses and unbounded hospitality will never be forgotten. I am more than ever convinced of the importance of these visits, as they create an interest that has been of untold benefit to the Order. I have paid visits to the following Lodges: 5, 6, 24, 27, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 53, 58, 65, 66, 71, 75, 77, 81, 82, 83, 89, 90 62, 80, 93, 94, 92, 96, 100, 102, 106, 108 112, 118, 120, 126, 131, 132, 134, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 148.

The following visits were made by specially appointed Deputy Grand Chancellors:

W. W. Willson—49, 72, 88, 85, 109, 111, 137.

A. C. Davis—8, 40, 73, 84, 87, 128, 129.

T. D. Meares—33, 35, 55, 121, 122.

Rev. P. R. Law—91, 107, 125, 136, 140.

George H. Royster—60, 95, 98, 115.

R. H. Rickert—24, 100, 120, 124.

Alfred S. Barnard—54, 58, 64, 69, 78, 80, 99.

J. W. Wilborn—43, 45, 63, 101, 117.

Rev. J. A. Doritee—48, 68, 70, 74, 127, 133.

Rev. A. T. Graham—51, 65, 103, 105.
H. H. Wilson—122.
J. D. Nutt—35.

I am indebted to each of these brethren for their kindness and interest in the matter, and each of them report that these Lodges are in good condition, with possibly five or six exceptions. I feel that the Order has been greatly benefited by the labor of these brothers. They are all busy men, and in many instances have made sacrifices to make the visits assigned them, which shows their love for and loyalty to the great principles of the Order.

INSURANCE ON LODGE PROPERTY.

On April 22d I issued circular letter No. 10, as follows, and mailed one to each Subordinate Lodge:

Dear Brothers:—Being desirous of knowing the estimated value of paraphernalia and other Lodge property of each Lodge in this Domain, and the amount of insurance carried thereon, I herewith hand you attached blank, which you will detach and have your Keeper of Records and Seal fill out and mail to this office by first mail.

Promptness in this matter will greatly oblige.

Yours fraternally,

W. M. Lyles, Grand Chancellor.

..... N. C., ..., 1904.

Castle Hall, ... Lodge, No. .....

Mr. W. M. Lyles, Grand Chancellor,

Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:—The estimated value of our paraphernalia and other Lodge property is.....$———

The amount of insurance thereon is.....$———

Fraternally yours,

....., K. R. S.

My request was complied with by sixty-nine of the Lodges, and I find that out of this number twenty-seven of them carried no insurance whatever, and taking these reporting as a basis, we have 38 per cent. of our Lodges with absolutely no protection whatever against fire losses, and many of these insured do not carry a sufficient amount; therefore, I suggest that you take some steps in this direction and enact some legislation requiring each Subordinate Lodge to carry sufficient amount, and will embody my suggestions in my recommendations.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

On February 26th I had a request from the Grand Chancellor of the Domain of Virginia, asking for waiver of jurisdiction in the case of Mr. R. E. Parker, formerly a resident of this Domain, but living at this time in Franklin, Va., and same was granted.

CIRCULARS ISSUED.

During my term I have issued ten (10) circular letters, and as these have been mailed to every Lodge, and read in open Lodge, I will not encumber this record with a repetition of them.

SUSPENSIONS.

I cannot close this report without speaking of this, the greatest obstacle in our way to-day. Several of my circular letters were directed to this important matter, and I am pleased to note the reductions from this cause, but we have not reduced it to the minimum yet. There are so many ways by which we might accomplish good results, and the membership seems to be thoroughly aroused to existing conditions, that I will not burden this report with suggestions, but believe each Lodge will study conditions and then make an effort to bring about results.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I wish to submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1st. That the office of District Deputy Grand Chancellor be continued, and that each district be required to hold at least one (1) meeting during the term, same to be held as early in term as practicable, and that a School of Instruction be held at each meeting.

2d. That the appropriation to the "Carolina Pythian," as heretofore ($250), be continued.

3d. That a fund be appropriated for the use of the incoming Grand Chancellor of not less than $400, to be used, in his discretion, in making special visits.

4th. That the Lodges in this Domain not carrying insurance on their paraphernalia and other property be required to do so.

5th. That the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be increased.

6th. That the Orphans' Fund be placed where it will bring best returns, but placed judiciously.

7th. That charters be issued to the following Lodges free of

charge: Rocky Mount, No. 84; Tryon, No. 118; Carolina, Hamlet, No. 146.

8th. That a session of not less than thirty minutes' duration be held in memory of our deceased brother, Past Grand Chancellor Lawrence P. McLoud, and that Brother Alfred S. Barnard, an intimate friend and at one time his partner in the practice of law, be requested to make the address; and, further, recommend that this meeting be open and the public invited.

CONCLUSION.

Another year in the annals of Pythian history has gone. The work, as it has been done in this Domain, is contained in this report. When you entrusted me with this great work I felt the responsibilities thereof, and have never lost sight of the fact that as these opportunities are offered us that the responsibilities increase correspondingly. The time has now come for me to take my position with the rank and file, and as I do so I wish to extend my due appreciation of the unwavering and unfaltering support given me and for the charity shown for my faults in the work. The position I now relinquish is one of honor and any man ought to feel proud to attain it. I have received great inspiration from my brethren as I have travelled over the Domain, and as I now yield the gavel of authority to my successor I wish to assure him and the entire membership throughout the Domain that I stand ready to obey the call to duty at all times. We have had a most prosperous year, and the brotherly feeling existing throughout the Domain is worthy of commendation, showing that we are endeavoring to live up to the great and high principles of our Order. Too much praise cannot be made of the untiring efforts of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and to him I wish to extend my profoundest thanks for his valuable and ever-ready assistance along any line of Pythian work.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM M. LYLES,
Grand Chancellor.

APPENDIX B.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina:

Brothers:—I take pleasure in presenting the annual report of the transactions of this office.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of Lodges December 31, 1902	103
Instituted during year	11
	114
Charters forfeited	1
Number of Lodges December 31, 1903	113

MEMBERSHIP.

Number Members December 31, 1902	5,299	
Initiated during the year	946	
Reinstated	124	
Admitted by Card	133	
Total		6,502

DEDUCTIONS.

Suspended	344	
Expelled	13	
Withdrawn	165	
Died	45	
Total		567
Number of Members December 31, 1903		5,935

See Table A for Report of Subordinate Lodges.

NEW LODGES.

The following Lodges have been instituted since the last Convention of the Grand Lodge:

Transylvania, No. 143, at Brevard.
Mount Gilead, No. 144, at Mount Gilead.
Wachovia, No. 145, at Winston-Salem.
Carolina, No. 146, at Hamlet.

Estatoe, No. 147, at Micaville.
Fidelity, No. 148, at Marshall.
Canton, No. 149, at Canton.
Robert Jordan, No. 150, at Roxboro.
Hiawassee, No. 151, at Murphy.

Paraphernalia has been ordered for Lodge at Andrews, which will probably be instituted before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

Grand Chancellor Lyles has taken up the charter of Shelby, No. 42, and Pineville, No. 89.

These Lodges have been struggling for existence for some time.

The paraphernalia of these Lodges were shipped, one to Tryon, and the other to Hamlet, and loaned to them, the property of both having been destroyed by fire.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Reports have been received and tax paid by all the Subordinate Lodges except Maxton, 33; Aberdeen, 60, and Elizabeth City, 122.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Charters have been issued to and paid for by the following Lodges: Forsyth, No. 131; Mount Olive, No. 132; Cliffside, No. 133; Tuckeseege, No. 134; Chadbourn, No. 135; Cape Fear, No. 136; Clayton, No. 137; Whiteville, No. 138; Carthage, No. 139; Benson, No. 140; Mount Airy, No. 141; Dilworth, No. 142.

GRAND LODGE CARDS.

Grand Lodge Cards have been issued to the following members of defunct Lodges: G. H. McKenney, G. W. Whitsett, of No. 28; E. M. Blankenship, N. G. Moore, T. J. Smith, H. C. Sprinkle, of No. 89; S. G. Pace, I. W. West, F. A. Dorsett, G. P. Pell, of No. 44; J. F. Redmond, of No. 79; H. E. Gibbons, H. F. Kinsman, J. H. Jordan, E. M. Love, O. T. Goodwin, M. D. McDonald, R. B. Terry, B. W. Pegram, B. Whiting, L. L. Pegram, J. O. Bundy, T. L. Nowell, A. P. Hill, of No. 113; H. McGehee, of No. 52, and W. M. Bell, of No. 57.

CONDITION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

With a few exceptions the Lodges of this Domain are in good shape, and are doing good work. The Grand Chancellor will, I am sure, call your attention to those that need especial attention.

BALANCES DUE BY LODGES.

The balances due by the Lodges are small, and some of them have been paid since the close of the fiscal year.

REPORT TO SUPREME LODGE.

The following is report made to Supreme Lodge December 31st, 1903.

Number Members December 31, 1902	5,299	
Initiated during year	946	
Reinstated during year	124	
Admitted by Card during year	133	
Total		6,502

DEDUCTIONS.

Number suspended	344	
Expelled	13	
Withdrawn	165	
Died	45	
Total		567
Number of Members December 31, 1903		5,935

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors	18
Past Chancellors	1,292
Knights	4,540
Esquires	48
Pages	37
Total as above	5,935

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number Lodges December 31, 1902	103	
Instituted during the year	11—	114
Charters forfeited		1
Number of Lodges December 31, 1903		113

GRAND LODGE.

Cash on hand December 31, 1902	$ 2,822 89
Receipts during the year	7,232 84
Total	$ 10,055 73
Disbursements	$ 7,187 30
Cash on hand December 31, 1903	2,868 43
Total as above	$ 10,055 73

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand December 31, 1902	$ 11,228 90
Receipts during the year	39,161 09
Total	$ 50,389 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

For sick and funeral benefits	$ 5,609 55	
For other relief	298 94	
For education of orphans	671 67	
Total for relief		$ 6,580 16
Current expense		25,542 39
Paraphernalia and supplies		4,253 07
Invested during the year		1,964 29
Cash on hand December 31, 1903		12,050 08
Total as above		$ 50,389 99

ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand	$ 12,050 08
Investments	8,058 57
Real estate	4,607 75
Paraphernalia, furniture, etc	28,876 12
Total assets	$ 53,592 52

SUPREME LODGE TAX.

The Supreme Lodge tax, due October 1st, 1903, and April 1st, 1904, has been paid, and I hold receipts for same.

ORPHAN FUND.

The Orphan Fund has been increased during the year as follows:

Tax on initiations	$ 778 00
Ten per cent. of Grand Lodge tax	575 77
Interest on Investments	285 16
Total	$ 1,638 93

RAILROAD RATES.

The same rates granted us on former occasions have been given us on the railroads this year—one and one-third fare for the round trip—but those in attendance must procure certificates from the railroad agent at place of purchase of ticket, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to certify to their attendance.

Circular letter, together with copy of certificate, was sent to each Grand Lodge officer, representative and committeeman, calling attention to the requirements.

GRAND LODGE JOURNAL.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Journal were printed and distributed, as required by the Grand Statutes.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

A semi-annual report is required from each Lodge, and it is presumed to be correct before the officers are installed, and to be looked over by the Chancellor Commander and the Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Lodge. Many of the reports received at this office are incomplete, and it is almost impossible to make a correct report to the Supreme Lodge (which is required by the Supreme Statutes to be made not later than March 31st) where they are received in such shape. Now, some one is to blame for this; is it the fault with the Lodge, in allowing the officers to neglect their duties, or is it the fault of the Deputy Grand Chancellor, in allowing the report to pass him without seeing that it is correctly made out? In the Domain we have many Keepers of Records and Seal that do their duty as required by law, but some, I am sorry to say, fail to realize the responsibility resting upon them.

Now, brother Keepers of Records and Seal, I am not complaining at you, but I am sure, if you knew how much it would help others for you to be prompt in the discharge of your duty, you would not hesitate, and you would make an effort to send in your reports correctly and promptly.

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

General Fund.

Balance on hand last report	$ 3,537 11
Received from general fund, including per-capita tax, dispensations and supplies	7,374 08
Received for Grand Lodge Cards	54 50
Received of T. H. Webb for jewel	4 50
Received of W. C. Crist, expenses refunded	7 55
Received of M. W. Brown, expenses refunded	4 25
Total	$ 10,981 99

Disbursements.

Amount paid out as per vouchers from No. 175 to 259, inclusive	$ 6,957 44
Balance on hand	4,024 55
Total as above	$ 10,981 99

For amounts drawn see Table C.

ORPHAN FUND.

Balance on hand last report	$ 10,289 82
Received from Initiations	778 00
Received from Interest	285 16
Received from 10 per cent. of Grand Lodge tax	575 77
Total on hand	$ 11,928 75

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.

Creditor.

Supplies sold during year	$ 1,647 04
Stock on hand	156 15
	$ 1,803 19

Debtor.

Supplies purchased	$ 1,054 46
Supplies on hand last report	272 30
Profit on supplies	476 43
	$ 1,803 19

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND.

86	Supplements to Supreme Statutes	$ 8 60
19	Grand Lodge Cards	4 75
6	Rank Credentials	1 50
4	Subordinate Lodge Warrants	1 00
21	Transfer Cards	5 25
17	Withdrawal Cards	4 25
1,750	Second Rank Blanks	5 25
3	Question Books	3 00
400	Orders S. A. P. W	1 20
1	Set Rituals	10 00
2,300	Official Receipts	4 60
13	Supreme Statutes (paper)	6 50
5	Supreme Statutes (cloth)	5 00
20	Reports Supreme Tribunal	10 00
17	Rosters	6 80
75	Grand Statutes (cloth)	30 00
55	Grand Statutes (paper)	11 00
2,800	Master of Exchequer Orders	7 00
110	Ode Cards	2 20
1,400	Applications	2 80
1,400	Master of Exchequer Receipts	2 90

7	Service Books	2 80
12	Installation Books	3 00
11	Knights' Jewels	5 50
3	Music Books	75
1	Roberts' Rules of Order	50
		$ 156 15

THE PYTHIAN PRESS.

This office has been the recipient of complimentary copies of nearly all the Pythian journals published in the Supreme Domain, and to them I wish to extend the thanks of the Grand Lodge. Much valuable information is gained through the columns of these papers, and they are doing a good work for the Order, and should be encouraged and aided.

Our own *Carolina Pythian* is too well known to the membership, without any comment from me. Its continued work in the interest of the Order and its dissemination of the principles of our fraternity has been a factor in keeping alive the work in this Domain, and it should receive that loyal and hearty support that it deserves.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

This branch of our Order is one of the few fraternal insurance organizations that has adopted the rates recommended by the Fraternal Congress, and has wisely provided for a Reserve Fund, and this should be a sufficient guarantee to members of the Knights of Pythias of its stability. When the Organizer for the Endowment Rank calls on you hear him and give him an opportunity to enlighten you. This work is directly under the control of the Supreme Lodge and is being well and economically managed, and meeting all obligations promptly. For the status of the Rank, see the report of Grand Chancellor.

DEATH OF PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR McLOUD.

The whole Grand Domain mourns the death of Past Grand Chancellor Lawrence P. McLoud, which occurred at Cleveland, O., since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. In our sorrow we should remember that he was faithful to the trust, and that we can recall with pleasure his many good qualities, and endeavor to perpetuate them. It was the writer's pleasure to have served with him in the administration of the affairs of the Order and become very much attached to him. He was always pleasant and courteous, and our memory of him will be always pleasant. We shall miss you, Lawrence.

I trust the Grand Lodge will adopt the suggestion of the Grand Chancellor, and set apart an hour for memorial services to his memory.

DEATH LIST.

"There is a Reaper, whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

The following deaths have been reported during the year:

Lodge No. 1—J. W. Zimmerman, J. M. McGowan, B. F. White.
Lodge No. 2—G. T. Bland.
Lodge No. 3—R. L. Prempert.
Lodge No. 4—E. Rehder, J. F. Stolte.
Lodge No. 5—James B. Smith, D. M. Bain, A. Garrison.
Lodge No. 6—D. S. Harmon.
Lodge No. 8—K. R. Jones.
Lodge No. 24—B. G. Hall.
Lodge No. 31—R. C. Patterson.
Lodge No. 32—W. A. Blair, L. P. McLoud, D. G. Moore.
Lodge No. 35—T. A. Norment, Sr.
Lodge No. 39—S. P. Hill.
Lodge No. 41—Phillip Hanes, J. W. Hanes, Samuel Brewer.
Lodge No. 46—H. C. Parks.
Lodge No. 48—W. W. McCutchen.
Lodge No. 54—A. S. Ellison.
Lodge No. 56—S. A. Pfohl, R. M. McArthur.
Lodge No. 62—James M. Moody.
Lodge No. 65—R. M. Johnston.
Lodge No. 66—C. F. Hoell.
Lodge No. 70—P. D. McDaniel.
Lodge No. 72—M. H. Aycock.
Lodge No. 74—Z. H. Creekmore.
Lodge No. 77—T. A. Hooks.
Lodge No. 80—J. H. Harris.
Lodge No. 84—W. H. Van Hook.
Lodge No. 90—W. P. Knowles, R. L. Brinkley.
Lodge No. 91—J. W. Wallace.
Lodge No. 106—J. McD. Whitson.
Lodge No. 109—O. T. Hamlet.
Lodge No. 114—A. E. Jones.
Lodge No. 124—C. R. Kinney.
Lodge No. 134—D. A. Boyd.

CONCLUSION.

Since my induction into the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal the Order has been fortunate in having at its executive head some of the brightest and best men and Pythians in the Domain, and men who have worked for and have advanced the cause of Pythian-

ism, and it has been my pleasure to speak of each one of the Grand Chancellors under whom I have served in the highest terms, as was my duty to do; for I feel that a word of encouragement tends to make lighter one's duties. All of his predecessors have done their part, and done it well, but none have been more earnest and worked harder, and made better records for themselves and the Order, than your present Grand Chancellor, William M. Lyles. He has been faithful in all his duties pertaining to that office and has made a record for himself and the Order that is second to none, and his work will tell in future years.

To Grand Chancellor Lyles I desire to return thanks for the many courtesies extended. I am indebted to every member of the Order for their kindness shown me and I extend my thanks. I trust some good has been done for the Order and for humanity, and that my stewardship has been acceptable, and that my acts will meet your approval.

Fraternally,

W. T. HOLLOWELL,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Goldsboro, N. C., May 19, 1904.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR TERMS ENDING JUNE 30 AND DEC. 31, 1903.

A			FIRST TERM										SECOND TERM.										RANK.					
			Additions.				Deductions.						Additions.				Deductions.											
Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Membership, Dec. 31, 1902.	Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Deductions.	Membership, June 30, 1903.	Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Deductions.	Membership, December 31, 1903.	P. G. Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
1	Stonewall	134	5	..	1	140	..	..	..	3	3	137	3		1	141	1	..	..	..	1	140	1	50	89	..	..	140
2	Clarendon	78	6	1		85	2	1	..	..	3	82	2	..	1	85	2	..	..	1	3	82	1	27	54	..	..	82
3	Centre	63	3	..		66	2	7	..	1	10	56	..	1	1	58	2	1	..	..	3	55	1	27	26	..	1	55
4	Germania	48	..	..		48	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	..	..	48		..	..	2	2	46	1	32	13	..	..	46
5	Cumberland	181	13	3	5	202	3	2		2	7	195	3	2	1	201	3	8	..	1	12	189	2	40	147	..	..	189
6	Ruffin	170	18	1	1	190	2	..	1	1	4	186	4	1	1	192	1	1	..	..	2	190	2	37	148	.	3	190
8	Athenia	62	7		2	71	..	..	..	1	1	70	6	..	2	78	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	12	63	..	3	78
24	Salisbury	100	2	2	1	105	2	5	..	1	8	97	2	..	..	99	1	..	..	..	1	98	..	29	69	..	..	98
27	Scotland	33	..		..	33		..	..	..	.	33	..	..	..	33	..		..	..	..	33	..	14	19	..	..	33
31	Durham	121	15	5	5	146	2	5	5	..	12	134	3		..	137	2	3		1	6	131		18	113	..	..	131
32	Pisgah	211	10	2	..	223	1		..	1	2	221	6	..	..	227	2	15	..	2	19	208	1	23	180	4	..	208
33	Maxton *	14	..	..		14	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	3	11	..	..	14
35	Lumberton	32	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	1	33	1	2	..	1	4	29	..	12	17	..	..	29
37	Rathbone	145	6	3	..	154	9	2		..	11	143	5	..	..	148	4	8	..	..	12	136	1	24	111	..		136
38	Monroe	30	..	..	..	30	3	..	..	..	3	27	6	2	1	36	2	2	..	..	4	32	..	14	17	1	.	32
39	High Point	25	4	2	5	36	..	2	..	1	3	33	4	2	7	46	2	..	..	1	3	43	..	14	29	..	..	43
40	Welcome *	28	..	..	..	28	..	..			..	28	..	..	..	28	..		..	..	..	28	..	14	14	..	..	28
41	Damon	166	5	2	1	174	3	5	..	1	9	165	4	..	1	170	3	11	..	2	16	154	1	10	143	..	..	154
42	Shelby	20	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	20		..	..	..	..	20	..	8	12	..	..	20
43	Liberty	25	1	..	..	26	..	1		..	1	25	2	..	1	28	..	1	..	..	1	27	..	17	10	..	.	27
45	Asheboro	34	10	1	3	48	1	1	..	..	2	46	3	1	3	53	1		..	..	1	52	..	12	40	..	..	52
46	Statesville	101	..	..	..	101	1	2	.	1	4	97	..	..	..	97	..	6	..	..	6	91	1	15	75	..	..	91
48	Lincolnton	23	13	4	..	40	3	..	..	..	3	37	2	1	..	40	1	..	.	1	2	38	..	12	26	..	..	38

49	Reidsville	49	2	2	3	56	1	3			4	52				52	1	3			4	48		13	35			48
50	Burlington	58		2		60	2				2	58	3			61	1				1	60		15	45			60
51	Concord	104	8	2		114	2				2	112	8			120		3			3	117		18	95	1	3	117
53	Gastonia	70	6	1	2	79	5				5	74	3	1		78		2			2	76		12	63		1	76
54	Catawba	48	1			49	2				2	47				47	1			1	2	45		20	25			45
55	Rowland	19	3		3	25						25				25						25		6	19			25
56	Salem	116	12		1	129		2	2	1	5	124	3	1	1	129		4		1	5	124		18	106			124
58	Mt. Ida *	43	6			49	3				3	46				46						46		11	35			46
60	Aberdeen *	20				20						20				20						20		10	10			20
61	Jefferson	92	4	2		98	2	6			8	90	3			93	2	1			3	90	1	15	74			90
62	Balsam	44	9	3	3	59		1		1	2	57	3		1	61	1		1		2	59		15	43	1		59
63	Ramseur	27	2		1	30	2				2	28	3		2	33	2				2	31		9	20	2		31
64	Burke	54	1		4	59	1				1	58	16	1	1	76		5			5	71		12	56	1	2	71
65	Zeb Vance	91	1	1		93	2	4		1	7	86	6	1		93	1	1			2	91		13	77		1	91
66	Kinston	57	3		1	61	2	2			4	57	1			58		2		1	3	55		17	38			55
67	North Wilkesboro	30	1			31	1	2			3	28	3	1	1	33		1			1	32		10	19	1	2	32
68	Mt. Holly	25	4			29	1	2			3	26				26			1		1	25		8	17			25
69	Guilford	34				34						34	7			41	1	8			9	32		10	20		2	32
70	Henrietta	65	3		2	70	1	4			5	65	2		3	70	2	5		1	8	62		8	54			62
71	Lexington	35	1		1	37						37			4	41		15			15	26	1	5	20			26
72	Excelsior	10				10						10				10				1	1	9		3	6			9
73	Pamlico	70	8			78	1	1			2	76				76		1			1	75		14	61			75
74	Waxhaw	43			3	46	1	14		1	16	30				30						30		14	14		2	30
75	Wadesboro	50	1			51	1	7			8	43			6	49	1	2			3	46		11	35			46
77	Matthews	35	3			38						38	1		1	40				1	1	39		13	26			39
78	Caldwell	44	2			46						46	4	1		51		4			4	47		8	39			47
80	Greensboro	216	28	6	2	252	5	3		1	9	243	6	3	1	253		7			7	246	2	24	217	1	2	246
81	Norwood	25	4			29						29	6			35						35		12	23			35
82	Forest City	54	2		2	58	2				2	56	3		1	60	1				1	59		9	50			59
83	Charlotte	96	15		2	113	2	3			5	108	6			114	4		1		5	109		14	95			109
84	Rocky Mount	62	3			65	1				1	64	9	2	1	76		3		1	4	72		16	47	7	2	72
85	Henderson	52	1			53	1				1	52	1	1		54						54		14	38	1	1	54
86	Bethania	25				25		2			2	23				23						23		8	15			23
87	Contentnea	36	2	1		39	1				1	38	2	1		41		2			2	39		9	30			39
88	Pittsboro	20	1	1		22		1			1	21	1		1	23	1	1			2	21		11	9	1		21
89	Pineville †	28				28						28				28		28			28							
90	Mecklenburg	109	14	3	4	130	3	5		1	9	121	8	4	3	136	5	6		1	12	124		13	109	1	1	124

STATEMENT SHOWING MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

A			FIRST TERM.										SECOND TERM.										RANK.				
			Additions.				Deductions.						Additions				Deductions.										
Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Membership, December 31, 1902.	Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended	Expelled	Died.	Total Deductions	Membership, June 30, 1903.	Initiated.	By Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Deductions.	Membership, December 31, 1903.	P. G. Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Total.
91	Red Springs	54	1	1	..	56	2	2	..	1	5	51	1	1	..	53		1	.		1	52		12	40		..	52
92	Graham	45	3	1	..	49	..	2	..		2	47	4	..	1	52	..	1	.	..	1	51	1	11	39	..		51
93	Tar River *	42	....	1	..	43	.	..		.	...	43	....	..	..	43	.	.	..		..	43	1	15	28	..	..	43
94	Kings Mountain	58	....	..	..	58	..	1	..	..	1	57	5		..	62	..	1	..	..	1	61	..	11	50			61
95	Rockingham *	21	...	.	..	21		..		..	...	21	....	..		21	..	..	..		....	21		10	11	..		21
96	Piedmont	42	6	.		48	1	..	..	..	1	47	2		..	49	.	1	1	..	2	47	..	7	39	..	1	47
97	Chapel Hill	35	4		1	40	..	..	..	..	....	40	1		.	41	3	2	..	..	5	36	.	11	25	..	..	36
98	Troy	15	....	3		18	..	..	..	..	....	18	2	..	1	21	..	..	..		....	21	..	4	17	..		21
99	Rutherfordton	56	5	.	3	64	..	..	..	..	....	64	1		..	65	..	.	..	..	..	65	.	13	52	..	..	65
100	Rowan	62	3	..	..	65	1	..	..	..	1	64	10	3	..	77	.	..	.	..	....	77	..	8	65	4	..	77
101	Worthville	26	...			26	..		..	..	....	26	...	1	..	27	..	2		..	2	25	..	9	16	..	..	25
102	China Grove	25	3	..		28	1	2	..	.	3	25	2	..		27	..	..	..	..	....	27	.	7	19	1	..	27
103	Whetstone	25	....	.		25		9	..	.	9	16	3		3	22	..	2	..	..	2	20	..	4	16	..	..	20
104	Davidson	44	2	1	1	48	2	..	..	..	2	46	2			48	..	3	..	..	3	45	..	10	35	..	..	45
105	Independence	16	3	1	1	21	1	1	..	..	2	19	3	..	..	22	1	..	..	..	1	21	..	5	15	..	1	21
106	Asheville	97	5	1	..	103	1	4	.		5	98	18	..	..	116	1	4	.	1	6	110	..	12	90	6	2	110
107	Raeford	19	3	1	..	23	..		..	..	....	23	3	1	1	28	1	2	..	..	3	25	..	7	18	..		25
108	Southern Pines	35	6	1	..	42	1	3	..	..	4	38	2	..	..	40	..	2	..	..	2	38	..	11	26	1	..	38
109	East Durham	47	1	..	3	51	2	4	..	1	7	44	....		..	44	..	2	..	..	2	42	..	7	35		..	42
110	Walkertown	20	1		..	21	2	1	..		3	18	....	..	..	18	..	.	..	..	....	18	..	8	10	..	.	18
111	Myrtle	18	10	..		28	..		..	..	....	28	10		..	38	..	1	.	..	1	37	.	6	30	..	1	37
112	Albemarle	52	1	..	..	53	2	2	.	..	4	49	2		..	51	..	.	..	..	...	51	..	9	42	..	..	51
114	Columbus	25	3	..	..	28	1	..	..	..	1	27	....	..	..	27	1	..	..	1	2	25	..	8	17	..	..	25

115	Star *	27				27						27				27						27		9	18			27
116	Hendersonville	25	8	3		36						36	4			40		4			4	36		6	26	2	2	36
117	Siler City	19				19						19				19						19		6	13			19
118	Tryon	27	1			28	1				1	27				27		2			2	25		9	16			25
119	Caroleen	30	3			33	1	4			5	28	4			32		1			1	31		8	22	1		31
120	Newton	24				24						24	3	2		29		4			4	25		6	19			25
121	Clarkton	30	4			34	1				1	33	1			34	1				1	33		9	24			33
122	Elizabeth City *	15				15						15				15						15		6	9			15
123	Sanford	53	3			56						56	2	5		63	1	3			4	59		7	50	2		59
124	Spencer	36	8	2	1	47		5		1	6	41	6		1	48						48		6	40	1	1	48
125	Neuse	37	3	1		41						41	1			42						42		9	33			42
126	Ellenboro	25	4			29						29	5			34		2			2	32		5	27			32
127	Lattimore	20	3			23		1			1	22	10		1	33	1				1	32		5	27			32
128	Fremont	28	6			34						34	2			36						36		5	31			36
129	Roanoke	19	10	1		30		2			2	28	1			29		1			1	28		4	24			28
130	West Durham	21	13			34						34	6			40						40		5	34	1		40
131	Forsyth	25	12			37						37	9			46	1				1	45		7	37		1	45
132	Mt. Olive	24	2			26						26	1			27		2			2	25		6	18		1	25
133	Cliffside	20	4	2		26						26	5	2		33		1			1	32		6	26			32
134	Tuckasegee	15	10			25						25	2	1		28				1	1	27		4	22	1		27
135	Chadbourn		15	2		17	1				1	16	8			24	1				1	23		6	15	1	1	23
136	Cape Fear		14	1		15						15	10	1		26						26		6	20			26
137	Clayton		18	2		20						20	2			22	1		1		2	20		4	15	1		20
138	Whiteville		20	1		21						21	3	3		27						27		6	21			27
139	Carthage		12	2		14						14	4			18						18		5	13			18
140	Benson		12			12						12				12						12		4	8			12
141	Mt. Airy		13	5		18						18	2	1		21						21		7	14			21
142	Dilworth		21			21						21	1			22						22		8	14			22
143	Transylvania												35	1		36						36		4	30	2		36
144	Mt Gilead												17	1		18						18		4	12	2		18
145	Wachovia												20			20						20		4	16			20
		5299	548	83	68	5998	100	138	8	22	268	5730	398	50	56	6234	65	206	5	23	299	5935	18	1292	4540	48	37	5935

* Estimated—no report. † Charter taken up.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE YEAR.

B No.	LODGES.	To Balance.	To Per Capita Tax	To Dispensations.	To Orphan Fund.	To Supplies.	Total Debits.	By Old Balance.	By Cash.	Total Credits.	To Bal. Due Orphan Fund	To Balance Due for Supplies.	To Balance Due per Capita Tax.	To Balance Due for Dispensations.	By Balance due Sub. Lodges.
1	Stonewall	$ 40	$ 138 50	$	$ 8 00	$ 5 10	$ 152 00	$	$ 152 00	$ 152 00		$	$	$	$
2	Clarendon		82 00		8 00	1 50	91 50		91 50	91 50					
3	Centre		55 50		3 00	80	59 30		59 50	59 50					20
4	Germania		47 00			1 50	48 50		48 50	48 50					
5	Cumberland		192 00	4 00	16 00	6 55	218 55		218 55	218 55					
6	Ruffin		188 00		22 00	2 20	212 20		212 20	212 20					
8	Athenia		74 00		13 00	4 10	91 10		91 10	91 10					
24	Salisbury		97 50		4 00	3 80	105 30		105 30	105 30					
27	Scotland	65	33 00			1 00	34 65		34 65	34 65					
31	Durham		132 50	2 00	18 00	61 20	213 70		213 70	213 70					
32	Pisgah		214 50		16 00	17 95	248 45		247 95	247 95		50			
33	Maxton		7 00				7 00		7 00	7 00					
35	Lumberton	50	30 50			1 50	32 50		32 50	32 50					
37	Rathbone		140 50		11 00	8 45	159 95		159 95	159 95					
38	Monroe		29 50	4 00	6 00	2 65	42 15		42 15	42 15					
39	High Point	50	37 50		8 00	9 65	55 65		54 75	54 75		90			
40	Welcome		28 00			1 00	29 00		29 00	29 00					
41	Damon		159 50		9 00	7 70	176 20		176 20	176 20					
42	Shelby	1 00					1 00				1 00				
43	Liberty		26 00		3 00		29 00		29 00	29 00					
45	Asheboro	1 88	49 00		13 00	90	64 78		64 78	64 78					
46	Statesville		94 00			4 40	98 40		98 40	98 40					
48	Lincolnton		37 50		15 00	1 00	53 50		53 50	53 50					
49	Reidsville		50 00		2 00	1 50	53 50		53 00	53 00		50			
50	Burlington		59 00		3 00	75	62 75		62 75	62 75					
51	Concord		116 00		16 00	3 00	135 00		135 00	135 00					

53	Gastonia		75 00		9 00	2 05	86 05		86 05	86 05					
54	Catawba		46 00		1 00	2 40	49 40		47 90	47 90		1 50			
55	Rowland		25 00		3 00	50	28 50		28 50	28 50					
56	Salem	25	124 00		15 00	3 90	143 15		143 15	143 15					
58	Mt. Ida		44 00		6 00	1 40	51 40		51 40	51 40					
60	Aberdeen														
61	Jefferson		90 00		7 00	4 70	101 70		101 70	101 70					
62	Balsam		58 00	2 00	12 00	8 60	80 60		81 10	81 10					50
63	Ramseur	80	29 50		5 00	2 50	37 80		35 30	35 30		2 50			
64	Burke		64 50		17 00	80	82 30		82 30	82 30					
65	Zeb Vance		88 50	2 00	7 00	90	98 40		98 40	98 40					
66	Kinston		56 00		4 00	7 40	67 40		67 40	67 40					
67	North Wilkesboro		30 00		4 00	2 05	36 05		34 50	34 50		1 55			
68	Mt. Holly		25 50		4 00		29 50		29 50	29 50					
69	Guilford		33 00	2 00	7 00	1 30	43 30		42 90	42 90		40			
70	Henrietta		63 50		5 00	5 90	74 40		74 40	74 40					
71	Lexington	1 50	31 50		1 00	2 00	36 00	1 50	34 50	36 00					
72	Excelsior		9 50				9 50		10 00	10 00					50
73	Pamlico		75 50		8 00	1 30	84 80	25	84 50	84 75		05			
74	Waxhaw		30 00			1 40	31 40		31 40	31 40					
75	Wadesboro	40	47 50		1 00	1 05	49 95		54 90	54 90					4 95
77	Matthews		38 50		4 00		42 50		42 50	42 50					
78	Caldwell		46 50		6 00	80	53 30		53 30	53 30					
80	Greensboro	1 50	244 50	6 00	34 00	7 00	293 00		293 00	293 00					
81	Norwood		32 00	2 00	10 00	65	44 65		44 65	44 65					
82	Forest City		57 50	2 00	5 00	2 40	66 90	2 00	64 90	66 90					
83	Charlotte		108 50		21 00	1 85	131 35		131 35	131 35					
84	Rocky Mount		68 00	2 00	12 00	52 52	134 52		101 15	101 15		33 37			
85	Henderson	1 00	53 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	59 00		59 00	59 00					
86	Bethania		23 00				23 00		23 00	23 00					
87	Contentnea	40	38 50		4 00		42 90		42 90	42 90					
88	Pittsboro	1 00	21 00		2 00	50	24 50		24 50	24 50					
90	Mecklenburg		122 50	2 00	24 00	8 20	156 70		156 70	156 70					
91	Red Springs		51 50		2 00	2 40	55 90		55 10	55 10		80			
92	Graham		50 00		7 00	1 20	58 20		58 20	58 20					
93	Tar River		43 00			1 30	44 30		44 30	44 30					

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE YEAR—CONTINUED.

B No	LODGES.	To Balance.	To Per Capita Tax.	To Dispensations.	To Orphan Fund.	To Supplies.	Total Debits.	By Old Balance.	By Cash.	Total Credits.	To Bal. Due Orphan Fund	To Balance Due for Supplies.	To Balance Due Per Capita Tax.	To Balance Due for Dispensations.	By Balance due Sub. Lodges.
94	Kings Mountain	$	$ 59 00	$	$ 5 00	$ 5 50	$ 69 50	$	$ 69 50	$ 69 50	....	$	$	$	$ ....
95	Rockingham	....	30 00	....	....	....	30 00	....	30 00	30 00	....	....	....	....	....
96	Piedmont	2 00	47 00	....	8 00	50	57 50	....	57 00	57 00	....	50	....	....	....
97	Chapel Hill	....	38 00	....	5 00	5 55	48 55	....	48 55	48 55	....	....	....	....	....
98	Troy	....	19 50	....	2 00	25	21 75	....	21 75	21 75	....	....	....	....	....
99	Rutherfordton	2 00	64 50	....	6 00	80	73 30	....	73 30	73 30	....	....	....	....	....
100	Rowan	....	70 50	2 00	13 00	4 50	90 00	....	90 00	90 00	....	....	....	....	....
101	Worthville	....	25 50	....	....	40	25 90	....	25 90	25 90	....	....	....	....	....
102	China Grove	....	26 00	2 00	5 00	80	33 80	9 90	30 00	39 90	....	....	....	....	6 10
103	Whetstone	....	18 00	....	3 00	1 10	22 10	....	22 10	22 10	....	....	....	....	....
104	Davidson	....	45 50	....	4 00	....	49 50	....	49 50	49 50	....	....	....	....	....
105	Independence	25	20 00	....	6 00	2 40	28 65	....	27 65	27 65	....	1 00	....	....	....
106	Asheville	....	104 00	2 00	23 00	35 52	164 52	....	164 02	164 02	....	50	....	....	....
107	Raeford	....	24 00	....	6 00	....	30 00	....	30 00	30 00	....	....	....	....	....
108	Southern Pines	....	38 00	....	8 00	2 00	48 00	32	47 68	48 00	....	....	....	....	....
109	East Durham	80	43 00	....	1 00	40	45 20	....	44 80	44 80	....	40	....	....	....
110	Walkertown	....	18 00		1 00	40	19 40	....	19 40	19 40	....	....	....	....	....
111	Myrtle	25	32 50	6 00	20 00	50	59 25	....	59 25	59 25	....	....	....	....	....
112	Albemarle	....	50 00	2 00	3 00	2 15	57 15	....	57 15	57 15	....	....	....	....	....
114	Columbus	....	26 00	....	3 00	80	29 80	....	29 80	29 80	....	....	....	....	....
115	Star	....	27 00	....	....	....	27 00	....	27 00	27 00	....	....	....	....	....
116	Hendersonville	....	36 00	....	12 00	1 40	49 40	....	49 40	49 40	....	....	....	....	....
117	Siler City	....	19 00	....	....	....	19 00	2 00	7 00	9 00	....	....	10 00	....	....
118	Tryon	....	26 00	....	1 00	....	27 00	....	27 00	27 00	....	....	....	....	....
119	Caroleen	....	29 50	....	7 00	2 75	39 25	....	39 25	39 25	....	....	....	....	....
120	Newton	....	24 50	2 00	3 00	....	29 50	....	29 50	29 50	....	....	....	....	....

121	Clarkton	3 50	33 00	.....	5 00	75	42 25	.....	41 50	41 50	...	75	.....	.....	.....
122	Elizabeth City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
123	Sanford	.....	57 50	.....	5 00	3 45	65 95	.....	65 95	65 95	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
124	Spencer	.....	44 50	.....	14 00	12 80	71 30	.....	71 30	71 30	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
125	Neuse	.....	41 50	.....	4 00	80	46 30	.....	46 30	46 30	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
126	Ellenboro	2 00	30 50	.....	9 00	3 90	45 40	.....	45 40	45 40	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
127	Lattimore	.....	27 00	.....	13 00	65	40 65	.....	40 65	40 65	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
128	Fremont	.....	35 00	.....	8 00	.....	43 00	.....	43 00	43 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
129	Roanoke	2 00	28 00	.....	10 00	.....	40 00	.....	40 00	40 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
130	West Durham	.....	37 00	.....	19 00	1 30	57 30	.....	57 30	57 30	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
131	Forsythe	.....	41 00	.....	21 00	27 05	89 05	.....	89 05	89 05	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
132	Mt Olive	...	25 50	.....	3 00	25 00	53 50	.....	53 50	53 50	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
133	Cliffside	.....	29 00	.....	9 00	34 80	72 80	.....	72 80	72 80	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
134	Tuckaseegee	.....	26 00	4 00	12 00	26 90	68 90	.....	68 90	68 90	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
135	Chadbourn	.....	19 50	.....	10 00	27 00	56 50	.....	56 00	56 00	...	50	.....	.....	.....
136	Cape Fear	15 00	20 50	.....	13 00	25 00	73 50	.....	73 50	73 50	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
137	Clayton	.....	20 00	.....	2 00	25 50	47 50	.....	47 50	47 50	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
138	Whiteville	.....	24 00	.....	5 00	25 50	54 50	.....	54 00	54 00	...	50	.....	.....	.....
139	Carthage	.....	12 50	.....	4 00	150 75	167 25	.....	167 25	167 25	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
140	Benson	.....	9 00	2 00	.....	25 00	36 00	.....	36 00	36 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
141	Mt. Airy	.....	19 50	.....	2 00	25 00	46 50	.....	46 50	46 50	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
142	Dilworth	.....	16 25	.....	1 00	30 25	47 50	.....	47 50	47 50	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
143	Trannsylvania	.....	18 00	8 00	16 00	140 40	182 40	.....	167 40	167 40	...	15 00	.....	.....	.....
144	Mt Gilead	.....	9 00	2 00	1 00	125 00	137 00	.....	137 00	137 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
145	Wachovia	.....	10 00	.....	.....	125 00	135 00	.....	135 00	135 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
146	Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 35	5 35	.....	.....	.....	...	5 35	.....	.....	.....
147	Estatoe	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	125 00	.....	125 00	125 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
148	Fidelity	.....	.....	2 00	.....	125 00	127 00	.....	125 00	125 00	...	.....	.....	2 00	.....
149	Canton	.....	.....	6 00	.....	125 00	131 00	.....	131 00	131 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
		$39 58	$5757 25	$72 00	774 00	$1588 04	$8231 37	$15 97	$8148 08	$8164 05	1 00	$66 57	$10 00	$ 2 00	$12 25

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR.

No.	Favor of	Amount.
175.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	$ 98 80
176.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	95 54
177.	W. C. Crist, Instituting Lodge	4 76
178.	J. M. Boyette, D. D. G. C., expenses	23 82
179.	William M. Lyles, D. D. G. C., expenses	15 20
180.	G. H. Royster, expenses to Thomasville	18 50
181.	H. O. Parker, Instituting No. 139	24 34
182.	J. L. Scott, G. C., expenses	10 25
183.	D. J. Hill, Grand Tribunal Meeting	9 15
184.	J. C. Mills, expenses, 1903 Convention	2,178 27
185.	J. D. Pridgen, D. D. G. C., expenses	8 40
186.	D. C. Waddell, premium on bonds	42 50
187.	R. W. Craton, insurance Grand Lodge property	17 75
188.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	72 15
189.	M. C. Lilly, supplies	7 91
190.	William M. Lyles, G. C., expense account	50 00
191.	A. S. Barnard, visits	9 25
192.	W. F. Robertson, G. V. C., visits	5 40
193.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	3 65
194.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	12 05
195.	G. H. Royster, freight and storage	6 00
196.	Nash Bros., stationery	61 00
197.	Nash Bros., Grand Lodge Journal	169 95
198.	Carey Safe Co., safe	145 00
199.	William M. Lyles, G. C., expense account	50 00
200.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	12 69
201.	Supreme Lodge, Subordinate Lodge tax	158 97
202.	William M. Lyles, clerical account	75 00
203.	P. R. Law, attendance committee meeting	14 60
204.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	40 10
205.	G. L. Hackney, Instituting 143	32 10
206.	William M. Lyles, expense Instituting No. 144	15 20
207.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	95 54
208.	William M. Lyles, G. C., expense account	50 00
209.	H. H. Wilson, special visits	19 20
210.	J. D. Nutt, visit Lumberton	18 60
211.	G. W. Montcastle, committee meeting	4 90
212.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	6 15
213.	R. J. Cochrane, visits	22 55
214.	W. F. Robertson, visits	3 40

215.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	37 80
216.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	95 54
217.	W. C. Crist, Instituting No. 145	13 34
218.	P. R. Law, committee meeting	10 55
219.	R. J. Cochrane, visits	14 85
220.	William M. Lyles, G. C., clerical	75 00
221.	Carolina Pythian	125 00
227.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	30 92
223.	B. G. Thompson, office rent	50 00
224.	J. F. Dobson, postmaster, postage	20 10
225.	Southern Express Co., express on Journal	19 45
225.	W. T. Hollowell, postage, express, etc	65 50
227.	G. L. Hackney, D. D. G. C., expenses	14 45
228.	R. J. Cochrane, D. D. G. C., expenses	42 20
229.	William M. Lyles, G. C., expense account	50 00
230.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	95 54
231.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	26 39
232.	G. W. Montcastle, committee meeting	5 00
233.	J. G. Fowler, D. D. G. C., expense account	7 60
234.	Nash Bros., printing and stationery	79 05
235.	J. C. Estes, Instituting No. 147	61 39
236.	William M. Lyles, G. C., clerical	75 00
237.	J. W. Simpson, D. D. G. C., expenses	4 85
238.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	21 75
239.	Supreme Lodge, per-capita tax	178 05
240.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	98 28
241.	G. L. Hackney, Instituting 148	31 25
242.	R. J. Cochrane, visits	10 15
243.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	74 96
244.	G. L. Hackney, Instituting 149	34 47
245.	W. H. Hortsman Co., supplies	95 54
246.	A. S. Barnard, visits	19 15
247.	D. C. Waddell, bond	37 50
248.	Supreme Lodge, supplies	53 55
249.	G. H. Royster, visits	13 50
250.	J. W. Wilborne, D. D. G. C., expenses	20 05
251.	William M. Lyles, G. C., clerical	75 00
252.	Carolina Pythian	125 00
253.	J. A. Dorite, visits	14 85
254.	W. T. Hollowell, salary	600 00
255.	J. C. Mills, salary	50 00
256.	Nash Bros., stationery, etc	11 15
257.	B. G. Thompson, office rent	25 00
258.	W. T. Hollowell, postage, etc	64 40
259.	Orphan Fund, 10 per cent. Grand Lodge tax	575 77
		$ 6,957 44

APPENDIX C.

Report of Grand Master of Exchequer.

Rutherfordton, N. C., May 21, 1904.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North Carolina:

Brothers:—I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the receipts and disbursements of my office as Grand Master of Exchequer for the past year, and also statement showing the condition of the Orphans' Fund.

GENERAL FUND.

1903.	
June 1—Amount on hand	$ 3,537 11
June 29—Amount from Mark Brown	4 25
June 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	116 41
July 30—Amount received during the month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	2,032 38
August 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	388 80
September 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	355 90
October 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	389 25
November 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	98 80
December 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	212 22
1904.	
January 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	1,709 55
February 29—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	1,213 95
March 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	469 85
April 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	259 25
May 30—Amount received during month from W. T. Hollowell, G. K. of R. and S	194 27
Total	$10,981 99

Creditor.

By paid orders Nos. 175 to 259	$ 6,957 44
May 21—Balance on hand	$ 4,024 55

ORPHANS' FUND.

1903.	
June 1—Balance on hand	$10,289 82
July 7—From Southern States Trust Company	6 42
July 8—From People's Savings Bank, interest	20 00
July 8—From Wachovia Loan and Trust Company	40 00
July 8—From Mr. Hollowell	90 00
July 16—From Mr. Hollowell	48 00
July 23—From Mr. Hollowell	110 00
July 29—From Mr. Hollowell	55 00
August 6—From Mr. Hollowell	42 00
August 12—From Mr. Hollowell	6 00
September 2—From Mr. Hollowell	22 00
September 10—From Bank of Lexington	40 00
September 12—From Mr. Hollowell	29 00
September 25—From Mr. Hollowell	5 00
October 6—From Southern States Trust Co., interest	25 31
October 6—From People's Savings Bank, interest	20 00
October 6—From Mr. Hollowell	10 00
November 4—From Mr. Hollowell	4 00
November 6—From Charlotte National Bank, interest	60 00
November 28—From Mr. Hollowell	6 00
1904.	
January 9—From Mr. Hollowell	35 00
January 18—From Mr. Hollowell	81 00
January 19—From Wachovia Loan and Trust Co., Int	40 00
January 19—From Southern States Trust Co., interest	13 43
January 23—From Mr. Hollowell	100 00
February 3—From Mr. Hollowell	45 00
February 6—From People's Savings Bank, interest	20 00
February 15—From Mr. Hollowell	32 00
February 23—From Mr. Hollowell	11 00
March 15—From Mr. Hollowell	2 00
March 5—From Mr. Hollowell	42 00
May 10—From 10 per cent. Grand Lodge tax	575 77
May 21—From Mr. Hollowell	3 00
Total	$11,928 75

(OVER.)

This fund is deposited as follows:

In Charlotte National Bank, Charlotte	$ 3,000 00
In Wachovia Loan and Trust Co., Winston	2,000 00
In People's Savings Bank, Wilmington	2,000 00
In Southern States Trust Co., Charlotte	1,343 89
In Bank of Lexington, Lexington	3,584 86
Total	$11,928 75

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. MILLS,

Grand Master of Exchequer.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

For the fourth time I have had the privilege and pleasure of reviewing the Pythian field, and in doing so, it has been my earnest endeavor to avoid "dissension," by an unfavorable criticism of the work of other Domains and Correspondents. In doing this work I am very much of the opinion that the Order in general receives little benefit therefrom. Not that the reports of the correspondents throughout the Supreme Domain are not of sufficient value, but that they are not given the recognition, as mediums of information, that they deserve. In other words, the casual or superficial examination that they receive does not repay, in informing the members of the Order of what the Supreme Domain is doing, the cost of publishing them. I venture the assertion that these reports are not read by one member in ten of the Order, and yet most of the fraternal reports that we have examined are replete with information. They all discuss, more or less, the questions of vital interest to the Order. The suggestions for the solution of suspension for non-payment of dues are many and varied, and some even think that these suspensions are not an unmixed evil; that they will and ought to continue as long as there is an unappreciative membership. In view of the fact that Lodge funds cannot be used for any other purposes than that laid down by the Supreme statutes, some have made the suggestion, and I think a good one, that the law should be changed somewhat to allow Subordinate Lodges to lay aside 10 per cent. of the dues and rank fees as an entertainment fund, using the same to make the Lodges attractive, and thereby increase the attendance at Lodge meetings. We all admit that Pythianism is a serious thing, but, nevertheless, we all enjoy "a little folly now and then," and we cannot expect to attract the younger membership, and hold them, unless we sometimes "let the sunshine in." This is one great argument in favor of the Uniform Rank; that it is the young man's branch, and the feathers and tinsel attract them. Now, where we are not fortunate enough to have the Uniform Rank, we must substitute something else, and this can only be done by making our Lodge rooms as attractive as possible. There are scores of small Lodges that die with dry-rot. The same old routine every meeting becomes extremely monotonous, and ere long the attendance drops off, we become indifferent and soon drift into suspension. The contention is that if we could, occasionally, introduce other features, the attendance would be better. As I say, the suggestion is a very good one, but I am afraid it does not meet the case. These occa-

sional entertainments may attract an attendance for that immediate occasion, but unless the membership puts in an appearance, when Jack quits playing or there is work to be done, it is of very little benefit to the Order. To my mind, the worst drawback that we have to contend with is the Ritual. It ought never to be allowed in a Lodge room, except for reference, to hear the officers get up and read their parts, and often very poorly at that, is abominable; and yet under the system that obtains in this Grand Domain, the business man, the man we want at the head, has not the time, during the short term of six months, in which to memorize his part. By the time he memorizes it his term has expired. 'Tis true, we could re-elect him, but what becomes of your contention that the short term enables men to reach the higher positions for which each one aspires. The admonition, "Your future in this Lodge is what you make it." should be enforced to the letter, and any one aspiring to the higher positions would then understand what the pre-requisite thereto is, and govern himself accordingly.

On the question of suspension for non-payment of dues, many oppose the idea of severing the connection of the suspended one entirely, but contend that he should be allowed to visit his Lodge under certain restrictions—such as forfeiting his right to vote or to receiving the S. A. P. W. This is the right and proper course to pursue. The chances are then ten to one that you will reclaim him.

The Endowment Rank, while seemingly on a very firm basis, and I believe truly so, receives unfavorable comment in some quarters, and it should be the special duty of Supreme Representatives to inform themselves on this subject by a thorough examination of this branch of the Order.

There seems to be a want of information as to the Uniform Rank that is inexplicable, some Grand Chancellors asserting, in their reports, that they knew very little about it. From all the information at hand, it is gaining ground in some quarters, while holding its own in others. I have failed to receive the Journals of seven Domains, viz.: Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Oregon, Ontario, Maine and Rhode Island; hence our failure to review them.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. ALEXANDER,

Fraternal Correspondent.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Domain passed through a series of trials during the last year, and the progress made, even under these difficulties, proves that Pythianism has a lasting hold on this State.

First, their Grand Chancellor was forced, on account of ill-health, to resign his position to his Grand Vice-Chancellor, who, on taking

up the reins, found Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Donahoo sick unto death. This alone was enough to have made any one hesitate to take the responsibility, but preceded, as it was, only three weeks earlier by the death of that grand and zealous knight, "Tennent Lomax," his Supreme Representative, his place was not to be envied. Nobly did he do his duty, as the record proves, and worthy was he of the "well done" that was accorded him.

The vacancy caused by the death of their Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was filled by the appointment of G. G. Miles, and in his first report he pays a beautiful tribute to his predecessor, which is well worth repeating here: "He was so universally loved and appreciated by the entire brotherhood, and was such a loyal and faithful knight I am tempted to covet, whether I ever will merit it or not, the same place in your affections that he held. I am sure that every knight in our Grand Domain and thousands in many others, as well, cherish his memory and mourn the loss that we have sustained in what seems to us his untimely demise, and as we gathered around the open grave and deposited beneath the sod all that was mortal of our beloved brother, that beautiful sentiment prevails, that

"The grave can naught destroy,
Only the flesh can die,
Clothed by thy wondrous might,
In robes of dazzling light,
This flesh shall burst the grave at that last day.
Peace to his ashes."

In another part of this report he expressed himself as follows: "The main difficulty with small Lodges grows out of real indifference among the members, and many times the responsibility rests almost entirely with the officers, who seem to forget their obligations altogether. Enthusiasm is the chief requisite in all fraternal Orders in keeping them alive. When the Pythian obligation is assumed it should be understood that it means loyalty and fidelity to every claim that is taught by the tenets of the Order."

One of the very best of the many good fraternal reports is to be found in this Journal, and Brother Smith, in his treatment of the questions of "compulsory sick benefits" and "suspension for nonpayment of dues," proves that he has given them much thought. I wish this report could be read by every member of the Order.

Grand Chancellor—Alexander M. Garber, Talladega.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—G. G. Miles, Montgomery.

ARKANSAS.

The Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held at Pine Bluff, May 19th, 1904. The Grand Lodge was tendered a

reception and, during its process, Past Grand Chancellor Doyne delivered an illustrated dramatic recitation on Pythianism, which was, no doubt, very interesting. The Grand Chancellor commends very highly the Endowment Rank, and in contrast to some of the comments made by other Grand Chancellors, claims that it is perfectly safe.

In the report of the Committee on Sanitarium, they claim that they were led to hope for favorable action by the Supreme Lodge, but were betrayed by nearly all the Supreme Lodge officers, after repeated promises from them that they would give it their support.

The Fraternal Review is written by Brother B. W. Bartlett, who expresses himself in no uncertain words upon all the questions interesting the Order.

Grand Chancellor—J. H. Hinnemon, Little Rock.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—B. W. Bartlett, Little Rock.

ARIZONA.

This Grand Lodge met in annual session at Yuma, May 13, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain was taken from the ranks, never having served in an official capacity. He says that a great portion of his time was taken up in familiarizing himself with the working of a Grand Lodge government, when he should have been doing the work for the good of the Order.

He increased the membership from 1,196 to 1,415. He says that the subject of "Sick Benefits" has been the cause of more discussion and dissatisfaction than any other one question. No increase in membership in the Endowment Rank was made.

The Fraternal Correspondent, Brother John D. Loper, had his hands more than full, in that he had to do the work of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and write this report also. We were inclined to criticise him at first, but when he announced this fact it was sufficient excuse for his brief review in some instances. He has done well.

Grand Chancellor—G. M. Porter, Bisbee.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. D. Loper, Mesa.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Journal of this Domain always comes promptly to hand, and this issue bears evidence of the fact that this Grand Domain is progressing. The Grand Chancellor, in his report, makes some wise suggestions and, amongst others, is this, on the subject of keeping up the interest in the Order: "Devote one night in each month to a social session, i. e., dispense with the usual routine of business and

provide a social evening for all the members and their friends, among whom will surely be some who are desirous of knowing our mysteries and willing to aid us in the work we have to do." Again: "Do not make a practice of putting on the work in a crude and reckless form. It is very important that you should give this your utmost careful attention, as hereon depends the future of your Lodge." Good rank work means a good Lodge.

On the question of suspensions for non-payment of dues, he suggests that Deputy Grand Chancellors be empowered to look after the Masters of Finance and encourage them to make an effort to collect dues. See that they go to the members and not wait for the members to come to them.

In view of the growth of their Domain, he urges a reduction of the per-capita tax, stating that the surplus in their treasury justified it.

The Uniform Rank in this Domain is in a flourishing condition.

Grand Chancellor—Charles F. Nelson, New Denver.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Emil Pferdner, Victoria.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain visited every Subordinate Lodge officially, and was fully repaid in the honors received and pleasure derived. He says that such visits are better than paid organizers.

He reports the Uniform Rank as progressing, but the Endowment Rank is not supported as he thinks it deserves.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports a net gain of 119 for the year. He makes the same suggestion for correcting the evil of suspensions as the other Domains have made, viz., appointment of a committee to look after and assist the Master of Finance to collect dues and keep the members in good standing.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reviews very carefully all Journals coming into their hands, presenting in a concise form data of benefit to the Order in general.

Grand Chancellor—William J. Fuller, New Haven.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Horace O. Case, Hartford.

CALIFORNIA.

"All true knights, whether officials or privates, march with the Pythian army in its crusade for the betterment of humanity. Our course is guided by a star. The light from this star has illumined the pathway of the wisest, the noblest, and the best of mankind. Who follows this light shall learn of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and the immortality of the soul." The above is the deliverance of the Grand Chancellor of this Domain in his report at their meeting held at Santa Cruz, May 18th, 1903.

Avowing his intention of continuing in the work, he says: "For, even until death, should the Pythian soldier march on."

He strongly commends the Endowment Rank, and says: "And these Pythian homes are better than great, costly asylums, where are herded together homeless children or sick and dying old men and women."

In commenting on the Uniform Rank, he says: "The Army of the Lily" is leading the Pythian hosts up the fraternal heights.

The fraternal report is a splendid review of all the Domains, with few exceptions.

In speaking of the Endowment Rank, they express the views of this scribe exactly. "At the present time the knights are in the 'insurance business' through the Endowment Rank, and seem to be in the business to stay. Therefore, we respectfully suggest that the less said about the insurance business the better.

Grand Chancellor—B. V. Sargent, Salinas.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Herman Schaffner, San Francisco.

COLORADO.

The get-up of this Journal is rather confusing, in that the reports of the Committee on Distribution precedes that of the Grand Chancellor, and the subjects they treat of have to be hunted in his report.

The Grand Chancellor reports the institution of two new Lodges during his term of office, but discouraged the organization of several Lodges in places where he feared they could not maintain themselves. During his term he endeavored to consolidate the Lodges in Denver, believing this to be the means of increasing the attendance at Lodge meetings, but up to the time of the expiration of his term he had not succeeded.

In treating of the Endowment Rank, he says that only 10 per cent. of the Order in Colorado are members of it.

There has been an increase in the "Uniform Rank."

On account of the action of some of his Subordinate Lodges, in lopping off the dead timber, they show a small decrease in membership for the year.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a good report, carefully reviewing the Journals they had received.

Grand Chancellor—Thomas R. Ovington, Lafayette.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—William S. O'Brien, Denver.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware met at Dover, in annual convention, October 15th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor, while gratified with work done, regrets

that it had not shown a greater increase in numbers of accessions to the Order.

The Lodges in his Domain were in a good, healthy condition, and most of them showing improvement in rank work. He visited every Lodge in his Domain, and some of them twice.

Brother Jolls, Fraternal Correspondent, could not review all the Journals for want of time, but he does full justice to all that he did review.

Grand Chancellor—L. M. Whiteman, Newark.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Mark L. Garrett, Wilmington.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Lodge of this Grand Domain met in annual session at Jacksonville, March 11th, 1904. The reception given them proves that the local Lodges never do things by halves.

The Journal of this Domain is so large and so arranged as to give considerable trouble in reviewing it. The report of the Grand Chancellor is taken up largely with reports of his deputies, but he does inject opinions of his own upon the subject of "Benefits," which we endorse fully. In speaking on this subject, he says: "Let every Lodge do away with the idea and extend true charity when needed, not in stipulated sums, but in needs required. We now pay our money and obtain a pittance. No pay, no pittance. From a careful study of the history and statistics of the Order, I feel safe in saying that one-half of the Lodges that become defunct do so on account of depleted finances, caused by the payment of compulsory sick benefits, and a large percentage of the other half die from factional feeling, arising from some cause.

The fraternal correspondence is written by Brother A. Hewett Hill, who makes a fine report. He handles the question of sick benefits very clearly and convincingly. "Let every Lodge be placed in a position where it can legally aid a suffering brother member according to his needs, and where no demand can be made for 'cold-blooded insurance' from the brother who good fortune has placed beyond the pale of want." He gives "North Carolina" the attention she deserves, quoting largely from our lamented Grand Lecturer Jordan.

Grand Chancellor—James E. Crane, Tampa.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—W. H. Latimer, Tavares.

GEORGIA.

In reviewing the year's work, the Grand Chancellor of this Domain says that "While much that I had hoped to do has not been done, yet the year's work, as a whole, shows up extremely satisfac-

tory. New Lodges have been instituted. Lodges, for a long time dead or asleep, have been revived, and there has been a large and healthy increase in membership. This Domain suffered a great loss in the death of Past Grand Chancellor R. F. Hannon, who was the head of the Uniform Rank in Georgia, and in the death of their Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, William T. Leopold. In filling the vacancy caused by the death of the latter, he performed a very graceful act in appointing William H. Leopold, the son of his deceased Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

In his recommendations he emphasizes the importance of better ritualistic work, and a better knowledge of the Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes.

This Journal gives no roster of its officers.

IDAHO.

The Journal of this Domain is a very modest affair, though neatly gotten up.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is like the Journal—very concise and to the point. He visited every Lodge in the Domain except one.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a net gain of sixty-eight members for the year. They have no Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Grand Chancellor—A. T. Shane, Idaho Falls.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—James H. Harte, Coeur d'Alene.

IOWA.

Grand Chancellor "Gillette," in his report to the Grand Lodge at Council Bluff, predicted that the thirty-thousand mark would be reached by 1904.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is in splendid condition. The "Wooly West" seems to take to the Rathbone Sisters more than the other parts of the Supreme Domain. This Grand Chancellor reports that they have had a prosperous year, and claims that their influences have helped the Order of Knights of Pythias.

The Uniform Rank is not as prosperous as it should be, and the death of their Brigadier-General was a blow to this branch of the Order. Neither is the Endowment Rank in an encouraging condition in this Domain. He, like his predecessors, is opposed to sick benefits, and hopes to see them abolished.

The fraternal review, which is under separate cover, is well gotten

up, and is full of valuable information, but why they should completely ignore us is hard to tell.

Grand Chancellor—F. M. Molsberry, Columbus Junction.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—H. D. Walker, Mount Pleasant.

ILLINOIS.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held at Rock Island, October 20th, 1903.

The opening ceremonies were very imposing and shows an appreciation on the part of the local Lodges of the honor conferred by the Grand Lodge in meeting with them.

In the report of the Grand Chancellor, he recites several instances in which the "benevolence" of the Order was thoroughly exemplified. In one case the recipient, "Mrs. Marie Smith," expresses her thanks in these words: "God knows they have been true friends to me in caring for our welfare. The Knights of Pythias are my best friends. Nobody has been as true to me as they have, and I extend to all my most sincere thanks for what they have done for a Pythian widow and her babies."

He claims that with a proper effort this will be the banner Domain in Pythianism.

This Grand Domain has a Committee on Fraternal Review, but the review doesn't seem to have materialized.

Grand Chancellor—William Grant Edens, Chicago.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Henry Palmer Caldwell, Chicago.

INDIANA.

No Journal.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory convened at Claremore, May 5th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor reports the Order, throughout his entire Domain, in a most flourishing condition. As he says: "Many dormant and weak Lodges have been revived and strengthened; no charters have been arrested, and eleven new Lodges have been instituted, all of which are strong and vigorous." He complains in plain language of dereliction of duty on the part of his Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and says that his failure to answer many important communications from Subordinate Lodges and from himself augmented the labor and expense of his office, em-

barrassed his administration and caused confusion and distress among Subordinate Lodges.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Brother William H. Walker, who, although he does it, as he says, with reluctance, does it well. He claims that these reports hardly pay the Grand Lodge for the expense they are put to in publishing them, as they fail to accomplish the object for which they are published, viz., informing the brotherhood in general of what is passing in the Pythian world, "and have placed before it in convenient form the better thoughts, the wise suggestions, the practical methods of upbuilding the Order that are practiced or proposed in other Domains."

He claims that these reports are rarely ever read, and only then at Grand Lodge meetings, and very hurriedly at that. He contends for increased attention to the social side of fraternal life as a means of increasing interest in the Lodge meetings and bringing out the membership. He it is who first suggested the Pythian cadets as a lower rank of the "Knights Loyal," thereby making it a stepping stone to the Order.

Grand Chancellor—J. B. Morrow, Checotah.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Joe M. London, Ardmore.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain, while regretting that he had not done more, claims that he has done all that was in his power to advance the great cause. He says that the Uniform Rank has fifty companies in the State, composed of 1,500 members, but predicts that by the time of the Supreme Convention this number will be doubled. The Endowment Rank has made substantial progress. He urges an increase in the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal on account of the progress and increase in membership they have made.

The Journal contains a fine report from Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in which they kindly mention us.

Grand Chancellor—J. G. Covington, Bowling Green.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. W. Carter, Owensboro.

KANSAS.

This is a Journal that it is impossible to review hurriedly, and if any Correspondent should attempt to embody in his report all the good things contained therein he would, of necessity, slight some others.

The report of Grand Chancellor McDowell is characteristic of the

man, and while you may not agree with him in all of his views, you are more than interested in his manner of presenting them. He contends "that the Pythianism of to-day, in some ways, is a drag to what it was, say twenty years ago." He claims that the Order has been almost at a standstill for "nigh on to twenty years," and that the phenomenal growth of the Order during the decade closing with 1892 was in a large measure due to the enthusiasm created by the "Uniform Rank," which, instead of being fostered and cared for by the Supreme Lodge, has been neglected and allowed to go into obscurity. In this rank "Fraternity was not restricted to the four walls of a Lodge room. It had spread to the street, and there is something more than fraternity under a uniform. There is comradeship." He assigns as the chief reason as to why we have ceased to grow "that we lack sight of the one main feature that makes the Order attractive to the public, and have been following in the wake, or trying to keep pace, with all the cheap John insurance fraternities that infest the country at this time."

Brother McDowell is not an admirer of the Endowment Rank as a branch of the Order, as he says "insurance and fraternity cannot mix harmoniously together. In turning aside to engage in the insurance business we have simply made the Order commonplace."

He travelled, he knows not how many thousand miles, in visiting his Lodges, and the work he has done surely deserves more than a decreased membership; but he is exactly right in assigning the cause therefor, viz., the lopping off of dead timber, that kills the growth of anything. As he says, the Lodges show a renewal of the Pythian spirit, for the dead weights are always a damper on the spiritual activity of a Lodge.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal makes an excellent report and, like the Grand Chancellor, has opinions of his own that he is not afraid to express. Upon the subject of institution of new Lodges, he says: "Not until Grand Lodges stop the indiscriminate establishment of Lodges in communities that cannot support them will we be rid of moanings that come up to us from every Grand Domain. We want less Lodges and more Pythianism."

The fraternal report is from the pen of Brother Barnes. In discussing the topic, "Rathbone Sisters," an Order that seems to be near to the heart of every Kansas knight, he "bids them God-speed in their work" and "expresses the hope that the day is not far distant when our governing body will ask them to become a part of our noble Order."

Grand Chancellor—Frank L. Britton, Osage City.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Gus. J. Newbert, Kansas City.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chancellor, in his report to the Grand Lodge at New Iberia, May 25th, 1903, says this of the importance of a "Grand Lecturer": "The experience of the past year has taught me the almost absolute necessity of such a provision, and I cannot too strongly urge such action on the part of the Grand Lodge. In the city, where about 50 per cent. of the membership is located within a small radius, and access is easy to the best brains and talents of the Order, as well as many of the Grand Lodge officers, the need of instruction is not so urgent: but in many of the country Lodges, not only is there a crying need of instruction of the secret work, but a spirit of lethargy exists which requires instant and vigorous treatment if we are to attain that place in the Pythian column which our achievements in the past have seemed to justify us in aspiring to attain."

He says that the Uniform Rank is practically dead in this Domain. The Committee on Fraternal Review is composed of three members, but only one made a pretence of doing his duty by submitting a meagre review of eight Domains. The Domain shows a net gain for the year of thirty-seven.

Grand Chancellor—John F. C. Waldo, New Orleans.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—John A. McLean, New Orleans.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Lodge met in annual session at Jefferson City, October 20th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor made a most excellent report, treating of all subjects interesting the Order, thoroughly and convincingly. He lays great stress upon the efforts of "volunteer organizers" and the earnest efforts of subordinate members for a "legitimate increase of membership." He says that one of his new Lodges—"Maplewood"—had, within two weeks after its institution, perfected an organization for the promotion of sociability, "planned the erection of a building to be the home of the Order in Maplewood, with such adjuncts as are to be found in the modern 'club' house building and, what is more to the purpose, had subscribed an amount necessary to the completion of the work." He claims that the degree of efficiency in rank work attained by the various Subordinate Lodges is unprecedented in any Domain, and that he had taken pains to satisfy himself in this respect.

He is a strong believer in district meetings. He says a district with no organization is one in name only, and not in fact. He says that the Uniform Rank was the "Moses" who, in the early 90's, led us safely through the dangers that threatened to engulf us. The

Endowment Rank, in his opinion, is not built upon a fabric impregnated with the germ of decay; "but rests upon the same cornerstone of friendship where stands our glorious Order, unchangeable and secure."

Hear what he says with regard to their official Journal, the "Herald": "No home in this State where dwells a true knight should be without a copy." In advocating its support, he says: "The only support that counts for much to men struggling under the discouragements that beset every fraternal paper the world over is that support that comes from the pocket, as well as from the lips."

I want to commend this to North Carolina knights, for they have a Journal just as good and as deserving of their support, and every word he says of his journal is true of yours.

They have no Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Grand Chancellor—George C. Crowther, St. Joseph.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—John H. Holmes, St. Louis.

MASSACHUSETTS.

I feel that I might, with propriety, embody here, in their entirety, the prefatory remarks of the Grand Chancellor of the Domain in making his report to the Grand Lodge at its session in Boston May 27th, 1903.

Recognizing the fact that fraternity is the handmaid of a higher civilization and a broader humanitarianism, and that so-called fraternal obligations have no legitimate right to the name unless they put into practice the principles they profess, I departed somewhat from the usual methods, and throughout my year of service my paramount efforts have been directed toward making Pythianism mean more to my brother knights than it had ever before. It has been my aim to raise the standard of fraternity, as the truest means to an end that would place the Order where the world, judging it by the acts of its members, would realize that the term "fraternal organization" was no misnomer. He states in this report that he handled applications for reduced fees for classes with considerable restraint, only granting them where he knew the Lodge to be weak, and never to a "Boston" Lodge.

He found that the increased rank fee, instead of tending to retard their growth, had proven a benefit by enhancing the value of the Order in the estimation of those contemplating joining the Order.

Report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows an increase in membership for two terms of 729.

In the report of the Supreme Representatives, they acknowledge the good work done by Past Supreme Chancellor Fethers, but at the same time they claim as much credit for the present Supreme Chan-

cellor, saying that "to his keen insight, wise counsel and sound judgment the present good standing of the Endowment Rank is, in a large measure, due."

In the "fraternal" report the committee says that the action of the Grand Lodge in raising the fees for the Ranks of Knighthood had removed the Order from "competition with cheap beneficial" societies, and raised it to the front rank of fraternities.

MAINE.

No Journal.

MICHIGAN.

This Grand Lodge so appreciated its Chancellor Commander, "Leo A. Caro," that they elected him to a second term, and his work proves that the honor was worthily bestowed. Under his administration the Order has made considerable progress.

He instituted six new Lodges and made a net increase in membership of 1,500.

He, unlike some other Grand Chancellors, highly commends the "Endowment Rank."

He reports the "Uniform Rank" as at the flood tide of prosperity. The "Rathbone Sisters" receive special notice at his hands, and he believes that they should be fostered by the Order of Knights of Pythias.

Upon the liquor question, he says "there is no reason why beer should be needed at a Lodge social function. The man who cannot enjoy himself at a gathering of gentlemen without filling his stomach with beer and making an ass of himself had better sever his membership with the Order and confine his company to the tavern."

The report of the "State Instructor" is an excellent one, and in accounting for the reason "why the Lodge has lost its old-time zeal," he gives four reasons for it, which are very convincing:

First. The lack of personal responsibility and effort on the part of individual Knights of Pythias, etc.

Second. Poorly qualified and indifferent officers.

Third. The sharp and ceaseless competition of all sorts and conditions of societies, which are filling the fraternal field with their missionaries and making proselytes of our best Pythians, etc.

Fourth. The ever-present and most prolific source of trouble, nonpayment of dues and the consequent suspension from membership.

The fraternal report is made by Brother William J. Gregg, and a good one it is, too. In speaking of the introduction into some of the Subordinate Lodges of the feature of "club life," he says very truly:

"The billiard table, the card room and the banqueting hall seem to usurp the place of the Lodge itself in the affections of many members, whose presence is always in evidence in the club department, but whose faces are seldom or rarely seen in the Lodge room."

Grand Chancellor—Robert G. Steele, Lansing.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Miles S. Curtis, Battle Creek.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convention of this Domain was held in Baltimore April 14th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor reports the Order in good condition, with a gain in membership of something over 200, and a considerable increase in finances.

He was so engrossed in business that he was unable to visit many Lodges.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this Domain has been in continuous service for thirty-three years.

The report of Fraternal Correspondent is short and to the point. They review North Carolina in complimentary terms.

Grand Chancellor—William Froening, Baltimore.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—James Whitehouse, Baltimore.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The reports that come to us through the medium of this Journal are encouraging, and convince us that Pythianism is still flourishing with them. They show an increase in membership of sixty-seven. The Grand Chancellor writes a diary, giving an account of each day's work during his visits to the Subordinate Lodges.

Decidedly the best feature of this Journal is the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. Their views on questions affecting the Order are clear-cut and to the point. On one subject, however, we are a little at variance; that is, in the support of the Pythian Press. We think that the plan adopted here is better—that of inducing each Subordinate Lodge to subscribe for the Journals, for distribution among the membership, instead of requiring the membership to do so. On other subjects their heads are level.

Grand Chancellor—R. H. Fryers, Moncton, N. B.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—John C. Henry, St. Stephen, N. B.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Annual Convention of this Grand Lodge was held at Meridian, Miss., May 12th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor reports his administration successful beyond his highest expectations. Their financial condition showed an improvement to the amount of $1,000 over last year's, and the increase in membership was 300. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal anticipates a membership by 1906 of 10,000.

This Domain has no Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor—R. M. Kelly, Vicksburg.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—H. M. Quinn, University.

MINNESOTA.

"The administration of retiring Grand Chancellor James Robertson will go down in the annals of the Order in Minnesota as one of the most vigorous and wholesome in the Pythian experiences of this Grand Domain. Truly his motto was: 'Do things; not dream them all day long.'"

The above is the tribute paid to Grand Chancellor Robertson at the expiration of his term of office. His efforts in the cause prove that he was worthy of it all. His report to the Grand Lodge is one of the best we have seen.

During his term he made 150 visitations. He strove to impress upon Subordinate Lodges the importance of memorizing the Ritual; that the Rituals are given for preparing for the work, and not in conferring it. Ninety-five per cent. of his Lodges confer the ranks without the Rituals. He says that they initiated during the year nearly one thousand, and suspended about the same number.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal claims that it has been one of the most progressive years in the history of Pythian knighthood in Minnesota, and in concluding his report he pays a tribute to the retiring Grand Chancellor, ascribing to him the success and progress they had made during the year.

This Journal contains an excellent report from the pen of Brother R. C. Neuenchwauder, Fraternal Correspondent. His reply to the strictures of Brother Risdon, of New Mexico, is very scathing, and I am of the opinion that Brother Risdon will take his advice and in the future "will be good."

"Don't let your angry passions rise,
Your little hands were never made to scratch each other's eyes."

Thank you, brother, for kindly mention of North Carolina.

Grand Chancellor—James L. Cromwell, Duluth.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Fred. E. Wheaton, Minneapolis.

MONTANA.

The Grand Lodge of Montana met in annual session in Butte on August 4th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor announces the fact that he had not accomplished all he set out to do, but hopes that his efforts will meet the approval of his brothers.

One District Deputy says that, although they had considerable accession to the Order, the suspensions for non-payment of dues offset it, and his district will show a decrease in membership.

The Uniform Rank is not flourishing in this Domain.

On the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues the Grand Chancellor suggests, in order to lend attractiveness to the meetings of the Lodges, and in view of the fact that the Subordinate Lodges are prohibited from using the Lodge funds for any entertainment, that the Supreme Representatives be instructed to offer and, if possible, have passed an amendment to section 328 of the Supreme Statutes, permitting Lodges to place 10 per cent. of all moneys collected for dues and ranks aside as an entertainment fund.

The Fraternal Correspondent writes a good report, and I endorse fully his position on the subject of reducing the initiation fee for membership, and also of allowing members in arrears to visit their Lodges, only depriving them of the S. A. P. W. and funeral or sick benefits. I am sorry he did not get our Journal. We wish you better luck next time.

Grand Chancellor—J. Hood Owings, Deer Lodge.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Jacob Loeb, Helena.

MANITOBA.

The Grand Chancellor of this Grand Domain, in endeavoring to subscribe to the Supreme laws requiring candidates for the several ranks to be examined on the preceding ranks before being advanced, suggests the following questions, which are very good so far as they go, and I give them space in the hope that they may be a help to some of the very few C. Cs. who read this part of the Journal:

"How would you gain admittance to the ante-room when the Lodge is open in this rank.

"Being admitted to the ante-room, with what would you invest yourself?

"What emblem hangs upon the inner door while the Lodge is open in this rank?

"How would you gain admittance to the Lodge-room?

"Being admitted to the Lodge-room, what would follow?

"Give the sign of courtesy.

"How would it be answered by the Chancellor Commander?

"What does this answer indicate?

"What is the motto of this rank?

"Give the sign of ———.

"How is it answered?

"Give the grip of this rank.

"Describe the grip.

"What is the arrangement of the altar when the Lodge is opened in this rank?

"In what position were you placed while taking the obligation of this rank?

"As a page (or esquire), can you visit any other Lodge than the one of which you are a member?

"What lesson is taught in this rank?

"Should you wish to retire while the Lodge is open in this rank, how would you proceed?

"How would it be answered by the Chancellor Commander?

"Who are the three historic characters in the rank of Page?

"When and where was the Order founded?

"By whom?"

The Grand Chancellor insists on unity of actions, and complains of indifference on the part of most of the membership.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is not all encouraging, showing that the growth of membership and new Lodges is not sufficient to ensure a permanency of the Order. Some of his Lodges "were not only dead, but mummified", and he says that unless a remedy is suggested at this session of the Grand Lodge they might as well go out of business.

Grand Chancellor—J. O. Williams, Portage la Prairie.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—J. G. McRobie, Winnipeg.

NEBRASKA.

The most interesting part of the Grand Chancellor's report, delivered at the annual convention held at Lincoln October 13th, 1904, was that that treats of the Uniform and Endowment Ranks. He speaks of the Endowment Rank as capable of doing more than any other branch for the good of the Order.

In his opinion, if ever the Order is destroyed it will be through the Endowment Rank, and insists that it should be severed from the Order and made to stand on its own merits. In speaking of compulsory sick benefits, he says: "There is scarcely a Lodge in this Domain that pays compulsory sick benefits, and the files in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal show that the amount expended annually to assist needy brothers has increased, rather than decreased, and the beauty about this great change is that all this

money goes to the assistance of those who need it. The iniquity of the old law was that the contributions were compulsory. The same conditions prevailed generally in other Domains, and the plan of compulsory sick benefits has not an advocate left that I know of."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a good report. In speaking of suspension for non-payment of dues, they say: "There are, no doubt, many who join out of curiosity, just like the boy who wanted to explore the secrets of the drum, and when their curiosity is satisfied they tire and drop out."

Grand Chancellor—John L. Phillips, Laurel.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Will H. Lane, Lincoln.

NEW YORK.

This Domain suffered the loss by death of its Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—John J. Ackor—on August 14th, 1902, and again on April 2d, 1903, the office was made vacant by the death of Samuel T. Hull. They will both be sadly missed from the ranks, and their places will be hard to fill.

"The hand of the reaper
Takes the ears that are hoary;
But the voice of the weeper
Wails manhood in glory."

Grand Chancellor Selonick gives status of their Pythian Home Fund as follows: Invested in bonds and mortgages, $59,500; on deposit with trust company, $6,146.41. His report, while interesting, deals largely with matters concerning their own Domain.

The fraternal report, by Brother A. Themans, is a credit to this Journal. In speaking of the prospects of the Order, he very beautifully says: "Out of the warp and woof of the twelve months past a picture has been woven with more lights than shadows, and the prospects for the coming year are brighter still with promise * * * and it requires no great stretch of the imagination to see castle halls of Knights of Pythias stretched round the world with rolling oceans in between, but not breaking, the golden chain."

Grand Chancellor—Newton A. Caulkins, Coxsackie.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Alonzo Bedell, Haverstraw.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain met in annual session at Fargo July 21st, 1903. They had the honor of having with them the Supreme Chancellor and the head of the Uniform Rank, both of whom

delivered very eloquent addresses, as vouched for by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is very concise—simply a review of work done in that Domain—without any recommendations; but the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal makes up for any shortcomings in this respect. He reviews very fully the work of the year, giving the growth of the Supreme Domain, seventy-three Subordinate Lodges, and a gain in membership of 22,189, as well as their own growth of 204. In this report he speaks very highly of the "Official Pythian Directory," published by Hugh H. Richardson, of Jacksonville, Fla.

The fraternal review is written by Brother E. George Guthrie, who does full justice to all the Journals coming into his hands. We accept your apology for giving us the go-by last year. We hope you will have no cause to exercise your powers of mind-reading, but if you are as good at this as writing a fraternal report, you will be a success.

Grand Chancellor—Frank G. Grambs, Bismark.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—E. L. Richmond, Minnewaukan.

NEVADA.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain, in his report, assumes all responsibility for any want of success that may attend his administration, for he says he has had the co-operation of the knights of his Subordinate Lodges. He recommends the Order of Rathbone Sisters and wishes there could be a temple established wherever there was a Lodge of Knights of Pythias. He is opposed to compulsory sick benefits, although the sentiment of the Order in his Domain is in the other direction.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows an increase in membership of eighty for the year. He thinks that the outlook for the future is very promising and that this is evidence that the past administration has been a success.

They have no Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor—O. J. Clifford, Austin.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—A. B. Stoddard, Virginia City.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In this Journal the reports of Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal precede that of Grand Chancellor.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports an increase of 109 members for the year.

The report of the Grand Chancellor is given up largely to the Pythian Home for Aged and Helpless Members, to be established by this Domain. Their plan for maintenance of this home is to levy a per-capita of fifty cents semi-annually upon the membership of the Order in the Domain. He claims that there will be no rebellion or criticism from individual members on account of this additional tax.

From the biographical sketch given of their present Grand Chancellor, we would say he was an all-round man—sheriff, justice of the peace, and a member of almost every order in existence.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes an excellent report. In discussing the all-absorbing topic—suspensions—they conclude that there is something radically wrong in the business methods that obtain in the Order, and suggest that if the Masters of Finance are not paid enough to justify them in introducing business methods their pay should be increased. In advocating the establishment of a "Pythian Home," they say very beautifully that "the trend of the world's work to-day is towards the alleviation of the ills that men are heirs to, and every means that we use to recall our suffering brothers to health and happiness is a round in that ladder that leads heavenward."

Grand Chancellor—George W. Allen, West Stewartstown.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Edward K. Webster, Pittsfield.

NEW MEXICO.

From the report of Grand Chancellor B. F. Adams, their fee of $25 for the three ranks does not seem to work as satisfactorily as it does in Massachusetts, and he was forced to grant dispensations to confer the ranks for a less price in order to increase the membership of some of his Lodges. He seems to have had considerable trouble with some of his members in their neglect of their obligations and Pythian duty. One he had tried for being a professional gambler; another not only exposed the secret work of the Order, but was guilty of swindling in its name; and still another who scandalized an officer of the Grand Lodge and had been guilty of many other crimes that rendered him unfit to be a member of the Order.

In discussing sick benefits, he says there can be no question but that the best thought and sentiment in the Order is opposed to compulsory benefits.

He scores some of his predecessors in this language: "Some of my predecessors have made it a point to report places where they have prospective Lodges. Yes, indeed, a perusal of some of their reports will show that some of the Lodges are largely prospective. Grand Lodges sometimes fill their pages with fulsome flattery of a Grand

Chancellor who has perhaps planted Lodges, peddled the name, the work, the membership, of the Knights of Pythias among the largest number of individuals with, at times, the sole object of 'making a record' that would 'beat' the other fellow's and distance the results accomplished in past years."

He refrained from instituting Lodges at several places because the material from which he would have to draw was not such as to give tone to the Order. This Grand Chancellor, when in charge of a Subordinate Lodge, set an example that other Chancellor Commanders might follow. Instead of suspending members for non-payment of dues, he assisted his Master of Finance in collecting dues, thereby saving his members. He strikes the key-note, and instead of laying the blame on the shoulders of the Masters of Finance, says that the Chancellor Commanders ought to assist them more than they do.

This Grand Chancellor makes one of the most caustic arraignments of the "Endowment Rank" we have ever seen, and if what he says is true, and he challenges any one to dispute it, then there is something wrong and all the talk of its stability is worse than "bosh." Listen to this closing paragraph: "Branded at its birth with the bar sinister of bastardy, its friends attempted to make it legitimate by an alleged marriage between its mother and putative father; its legitimacy being called in question, an attempt was made to have it adopted into our family by resolution. This, too, will fail, and this mongrel will meet the fate it deserves."

The fraternal correspondence is in keeping with everything else in this Journal—"good." Like their Grand Chancellor, they discuss questions unreservedly, giving their opinions in plain language, and hew to the line. Time only forbids me quoting them here.

Grand Chancellor—P. B. Heather, Silver City.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—C. E. Perry, Los Vegas.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain met in annual session at Trenton February 17th, 1904.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain strongly endorses both the Endowment and Uniform Ranks of the Order. This report is very brief and does not enter into any of the subjects, such as sick benefits, suspension, etc., that have taken up so much of the other reports we have examined. I would not be surprised if this isn't a wise policy to pursue, and perhaps in the end they may adjust themselves. They made a net increase in membership of 201 for the year.

The report of Fraternal Correspondent is short and to the "point." He claims it is necessarily so in order to get it in the space allotted

to it. He treats all the Domains alike, touching briefly upon each one reviewed.

Grand Chancellor—John W. Laws, Jersey City.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Elmer E. Margerum, Trenton.

ONTARIO.

No Journal.

OHIO.

The Annual Convention of this Lodge was held at Canton June 9th, 1903.

Appreciating the great honor that was conferred on him by his election to the office of Grand Chancellor, Charles J. Deckman avers that he is now ready to devote the remainder of his days to this great Order. He reports a net gain in membership of 2.882, which will, at the end of his term, bring the grand total up to sixty-seven thousand.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal predicts that instead of a diminution in membership that their numbers will continue to increase year by year. The support given to their Orphans' Home is something to be admired. Whenever a want was made known it was immediately satisfied by a donation from some one of their Lodges. I will be excused for giving a part of the report of the committee on this subject: "The average number of residents at the Home for the year covered by this report was nearly 140. The per-capita cost of maintenance, based upon the expenditure for food, provisions, clothing, salaries, wages of help, fuel, light, medical attendance, incidental expense and expenses of the Board of Directors attending meetings, was $98.817. In arriving at the per-capita cost of maintaining the residents at the Home, we treat as residents the superintendent, matron, care-takers, seamstresses, cooks and other employees who have regularly lived and boarded at the Home. From the above figures it will be seen that the per-capita cost of furnishing the table during the year was $41.22, while the per-capita cost of furnishing clothing was $18.47."

One of the Subordinate Lodges got up an excursion to the Home and carried with them "seven cows" as a donation; another furnished a splendid team of draft horses, harness, wagon, farm implements, etc. They all seem to look upon this Home as their own and support it accordingly.

The Journal comes to us this time without a fraternal review.

Grand Chancellor—C. McLoud, Marysville.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—William Beaty, Toledo.

OKLAHOMA.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain met in annual session at Shawnee October 1st, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor had to give up visiting the Subordinate Lodges on account of personal affairs, but his Grand Deputy at large seems to have done the work of the Domain for him to a great extent.

The Endowment Rank made fine progress during the year, and he claims that it is evident that the membership in the Domain has full confidence in the stability of this branch of the Order.

The Deputy Grand Chancellor at large seems to have had his hands full. At one place he found that the Masters of Finance and Exchequer had absconded with Lodge funds after collecting what dues they could from the membership. He instituted several new Lodges, visiting twenty-five towns and travelling 3,085 miles.

This Deputy Grand Chancellor was also Fraternal Correspondent and writes a good review, kindly mentioning us.

This Journal gives the Grand Lodge officers without an address.

OREGON.

No Journal.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Convention of this Grand Lodge was held at "Carbondale" August 18th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor felicitates himself upon the fact that he had done his duty to the best of his ability, and the increase in membership of 2,000 proves it. He made no special effort toward the establishment of new Lodges, but fostered those they already have; still, through the efforts of his Deputies, they made a gain in Lodges of seven.

He, like a majority of the Grand Chancellors, is opposed to compulsory sick benefits, and predicts that they will finally be done away with and the Order be made stronger thereby.

The Uniform Rank is holding its own, and in some instances gaining ground.

This Grand Domain has no Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor—Calvin Tomlinson, Newtown, Pa.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—George Hawkes, Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.

No Journal.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Lodge of this Domain met in annual session at Orangeburg on May 19th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor, during his term of office, made the following ruling with regard to payment of dues during the issuing of a transfer card and the deposit of the same with another Lodge: "That a member is not liable for dues during this period"; and at the same time he ruled that if the cash was not deposited with the new Lodge within ninety days that the membership of the brother remains with the Lodge issuing the card. It strikes your humble scribe that this is a question that is open for discussion; for, as he says, a transfer card does not operate as a withdrawal, then the Grand Lodge is entitled to a per-capita tax on this member that pays no dues for one quarter to his Subordinate Lodge; and as he could not obtain a transfer card without being in good standing, if during the ninety days he became sick, he is certainly entitled to any benefit allowed by his Lodge; as he is a member in good standing, no dues being charged against him.

This Grand Chancellor reports the Order in this Domain as in a flourishing condition, with evidences on all sides of zeal and activity. With a suspension list of 357, they still show a net increase of 310 members.

Among some of the suspended Lodges we note that of Yorkville, No. 61, and it is a source of sorrow to this writer, as many of its members were personal friends of his in days that are gone.

The financial condition of this Grand Domain is most excellent, showing an increase since last convention of $1,499.29.

The "fraternal review" is written by the Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. M. Knight, who does credit in his work to himself and the Domain he represents. He kindly remembers North Carolina, for which we thank him.

Grand Chancellor—John M. Knight, Sumter.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Rev. J. H. Thornwell, Fort Mill.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chancellor of this Domain, in visiting his Subordinate Lodges, found in many instances conditions existing that were at variance with Pythian law; for instance, one Lodge working without jewels; another without official application blanks, simply using a blank request to join the Lodge; another without proper books in which to keep the records, and many other cases that he fails to state. He does not wish it understood by this that they have no

good Lodges; but, on the contrary, he claims that they have some whose work is as near perfection as can be.

In the last two years they have suspended 500 members and have only reinstated, as he says, 120.

He earnestly recommends the election of a Grand Lecturer or Organizer, whose duty it will be to visit all Lodges, instructing them in the law and secret work and look after the organizing of new Lodges.

He suggests that the offices of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance be consolidated, and make the pay sufficient to justify the work to be done.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows a decrease in members of thirty-seven, which he ascribed to suspension for non-payment of dues alone. The number suspended amounts to nearly 10 per cent. of the entire membership. He places it all on the shoulders of the Master of Finance. Poor fellows; they are made the "scape goat" for all our sins, and while they may be at fault to a certain extent, I don't think the Chancellor Commanders' skirts are entirely clear. In many instances it is almost a labor of love on the part of the Masters of Finance, and it is too much to expect them to make the sacrifice for the whole Lodge.

The Uniform Rank is not thriving in this Domain.

The fraternal correspondence is done by Dr. H. C. Burch and J. E. Platt. They attribute the suspension for non-payment of dues in a great measure to a want of appreciation of the teachings of the Order on the part of those who are urged to join. You are right, brothers; this is the cause nine times in ten.

Grand Chancellor—J. Carl Southwick, Watertown.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—F. S. Randolph, Sisseton.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Lodge of this Grand Domain met at Nashville May 12th, 1903.

The Grand Chancellor makes a very brief report and touches on only one or two subjects, mainly Pythian Press and "Endowment Rank." He says that from the information he can get the Uniform Rank needs a revival in that Domain. He is keenly disappointed that he cannot show a larger gain in membership.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says, in his report, that about one-fifth of the Lodges in Tennessee receive from the Grand Lodge, through their representatives, more money than is paid in by them in per-capita taxes. He had not followed a strict construction

of the law governing cases of this kind, because to have done so would have meant a forfeiture of many of their charters.

This Domain is still without a Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor—B. J. Dillard, Lebanon.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—W. K. Abernathy, Selma.

TEXAS.

In his report, the Grand Chancellor of this Domain offers several reasons for his not accomplishing what he had intended at the outset of his administration, but from the fine showing that was made in the end, there was no cause for them. His report shows that nearly all his "Subordinate Lodges are enjoying steady growth and stable prosperity." "There are some, however, that are weak in numbers and finances," and he seeks to administer a strengthening cordial, compounded especially for this complaint, viz., a reduction in the fee for initiation, and if this fails to effect the desired results he thinks that they should be left to die. It won't cure the disease, brother, if it is only a temporary relief, and where Lodges are affected, as he says some are, "with a want of Pythian fidelity," it is time wasted. He heartily recommends public functions and entertainments and a care for the social features as a means of increasing the attendance at Lodge meetings.

The hard times, caused by poor crops, boll-weevil and "mud," operated against them to a great extent, causing a want of a quorum at Lodge meetings and a consequent loss in interest; but they got bravely over this, as is shown in the growth they made in membership—making a net gain of 622 and bringing the grand total up to 18,990. This Grand Lodge has a very wise provision that requires each Grand Representative to lecture his Lodge upon the laws of the Order. Their W. and O. Fund amounts to $18,500 and they are now casting about for a location in which to build their Home.

They heartily commend the "Rathbone Sisters" as being a help to the Order.

Fraternal Correspondent kindly notices us.

Grand Chancellor—J. F. Onion, San Antonio.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Henry Miller, Weatherford.

UTAH.

Grand Lodge of Utah met in annual session at Salt Lake City June 16th, 1903. Report of Grand Chancellor is very brief and the only recommendation that he makes is that the time of meeting be

changed. He visited every Lodge in his official capacity. The net increase in membership was forty-two.

This Domain does not indulge in a Fraternal Correspondent.

Grand Chancellor—H. N. Standish, Salt Lake.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—H. C. Woodleigh, Ogden.

VERMONT.

Disappointment, if not the common lot of man, seems to be that of a good many Grand Chancellors throughout the Supreme Domain. This is exemplified in the case of the Grand Chancellor of Vermont, who, on assuming the reins of office, had made his plans for a vigorous campaign, but they came to naught, in a great measure; but he says his failure to visit the Subordinate Lodges as he intended was not detrimental to the growth and progress of the Order. One feature of progress and permanency of the Order here is that several Lodges have built and own their Lodges, and others are planning to do so. Six per cent. of the members of the Order in this Domain carry insurance in the Endowment Rank. He reports the Uniform Rank as indicating a healthy progress.

The report of Fraternal Correspondent is written by Brother C. F. O'Tinker, and he is just as good in this position as he is as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

His handling of the subject of N. P. D. is exactly in keeping with the views of this Correspondent. We may try to charge our derelictions to the Masters of Finance, but we can't clear our skirts thereby. His handling of the question of "Uniform Rank" is masterly and would almost convince us all that we have neglected the most important branch of the Order. He does full justice to all the Journals reviewed.

Grand Chancellor—R. J. Cowles, Hardwick.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—C. F. O'Tinker, St. Johnsbury.

VIRGINIA.

No Journal.

WEST VIRGINIA.

No Journal.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Lodge convened in annual session at "Eau Claire" June 9th, 1902.

From the report of the Grand Chancellor we learn that the Order has not made much growth during the past year, but he claims that, "barring a few cases of chronic indifference, the Lodges are in a healthy condition." While not boasting of their strength numerically, he points with pride to the character of his membership.

The Brigadier-General reports the Uniform Rank in a most flourishing condition.

In the report of Brother Burns, as Fraternal Correspondent, he gives a symposium on compulsory sick benefits, which should be of great benefit in arriving at a proper solution of this vexing question.

Grand Chancellor—Grant L. Mines, Richland Center.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—U. S. Burns, Beloit.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

This very neat and interesting little Journal gives an account of their Grand Lodge meeting held on February 19th, 1904.

It is a great pleasure to know that the "Mother Domain" is still prospering, and we wish for her a continuance in the years to come.

The report of the Grand Chancellor deals almost exclusively with things of interest to their own Domain. He heartily recommends both the Military and Insurance branches of the Order.

On the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence appears the name of David L. Burnett, who was one of the founders of the Order forty years ago. With what pleasure must he look back over the years that have gone and realize that he "builded better than he knew." How a great pride must have filled his heart as he has seen the little handful that was gathered with him then grow into the mighty host that to-day is numbered by hundreds of thousands! Yes, Brother Burnett, "millions will rise up and call thee blessed." This committee presents a good report and one that is pleasant to read.

Grand Chancellor—Thomas A. Bynum, Washington.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—Henry J. Gasson, Washington.

WASHINGTON.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of this Domain, held at Seattle May 19th, 1903, the Grand Chancellor began his report by the following statement: "Fraternal societies are subject to the law of evolution. The society or individual that has not the vital princi-

ple of life ceases to grow, and stagnation and death follow." He then goes on to assure the Grand Lodge that his Domain possesses this vital principle in sufficient abundance to keep it in the line of progress. This is evident from the work they have done and are doing. He established six new Lodges, but only when and where they could, in his opinion, maintain themselves. The financial condition of his Domain is good, showing an increase of $2,000 added to its general fund.

One of the most interesting features of this Journal is the "Report of the Bureau of Relief of Seattle Lodges." The object of this bureau is to look out for and assist any knight in obtaining work; to extend aid to any Knight of Pythias among the many thousands of its floating population who may have been stranded and is worthy; to relieve distress among the members of the Order, no matter from where they hail. They give a detailed statement of the number applying for work, number applying for loans, number of loans paid back by borrower, the number of bodies shipped back to their homes in the East, etc. It is a treat to read this report and see the good work they are doing.

In making their report, the Committee on the State of the Order compliments the Grand Chancellor on the work he has done; recommend an appropriation for the support of the "Senator," their official organ, and speak a "good word" for our Sisters.

This Journal has no "fraternal report."

Grand Chancellor—John R. Stevenson, Pomeroy.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—A. Beamer, Spokane.

WYOMING.

The reports from the officers of this Domain, presented at the Annual Convention held at Rawlins September 23d, 1903, show that it is holding its own, if they have not made much progress. In the disaster that overtook one of their Subordinate Lodges in the "Hanna Mine" explosion, they exhibited, by their ready and generous response to the cry for aid, that spirit of Pythianism that characterizes the Order and makes us all proud of it. This Domain, one of the smallest, sets us all an example worthy to be followed, subscribing $525 to this charity.

The "Committee on the State of the Order," in speaking of compulsory sick benefits, hits the nail on the head in this language: "Compulsory sick benefits require a Lodge to collect sufficient dues to meet all just demands when made upon it. If you cut out the compulsory sick benefits the dues may be reduced, thereby relieving the individual brother of this burden, aiding the Lodge in strengthen-

ing its finances, in order that it may be able to more fully meet the necessities of a brother in need of aid."

The fraternal correspondence is an attractive feature of this Journal. Brother Spafford does his work well and his views on questions interesting the Order are well worth pondering.

Grand Chancellor—S. Dickinson, Carbon.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—C. S. Greenbaum, Laramie.

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